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Temporary Ladder to Try To Attract Fish into River

A $14,000 experiment is planned at mid-month to try to attract steelhead from the ocean back into their natural spawning waters in the Carmel River over a temporary fish ladder.

The board of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District agreed Feb. 26 to pay for the experiment, although members were told the probability of failure was high, perhaps as high as 50 percent.

In proposing the experiment, biologist Dave Dettman said steelhead are extremely adept at using ladders. But he said chances the experiment might fail were high because of two factors:

1. Evidence indicates few adult steelhead are in the ocean waiting to migrate up the Carmel River to spawn.

2. Few attempts have been made to attract steelhead back into coastal streams by artificial means.

Because of the drought, the river has not flowed into the ocean since 1987, limiting the migration of young fish to the ocean and the return of mature fish to their spawning grounds above the narrows.

If the river fails to flow to the sea again this year, Dettman said, the steelhead population could fall to what he called "remnant status" and the fish ultimately could disappear from the river.

"Steelhead populations are somewhat resilient to the lack of outflows to the ocean because they have a variable life-cycle, with adults returning at 2-5 years of age and young emigrating to the ocean at 1-3 years. However, there is a limit to their resilience," he said.

He proposed building a wood and cement ladder about 150-feet long to connect the ocean with water in a lagoon created behind a large sand dune across the mouth of the river. A mixture of sea water and water from the lagoon would be pumped over the ladder at the rate of about 2,500-gallons a minute.

Fish wanting to return up the river to spawn usually would be attracted by the presence of the lagoon water, although scientists do not fully understand what causes the fish to have the instinct to seek out the water where they were born when it is time for them to spawn.

Members of the board unanimously approved funding the experiment after being told it was uncertain whether other steelhead could be introduced to the Carmel River if the current population dies out.

Members also said the experiment would provide experience for further efforts the water district might be required to undertake to mitigate environmental damage to

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BABY AND ME classes at the Community Center bring new mothers and their children together for a session of fun and education. It is taught by Susan Newton, front left above. Clockwise from her are: Siobhan Greene and Brighid, Diane Tschupp and Noelle, Anita Mitchell and Christopher, Kim Davidson and Dane and Panela Lee, whose dasughter, Thea, is finding a mirror most fascinating. *Sun photo by John Anderson*

Regional Ambulance Plan Set

By Stan Hall

Under a newly approved plan, paramedics could be manning emergency ambulances in Carmel, Carmel Valley and Big Sur full time within three to six months. But exactly who would pay for this upgraded service still is up in the air.

The County Emergency Medical Services Executive Council unanimously approved an amended plan by the Carmel-Carmel Valley-Big Sur Regional EMS Council on Feb. 26 to create a new entity—known as a Joint Powers Authority— to oversee paramedic-staffed ambulance service.

The plan gives the region the flexibility to maintain no-fee or reduced fee to the victim service if the agencies in the region can figure out how to pay for it.

The executive committee had vetoed an earlier plan by the region, which has insisted it preferred to keep no-fee service which has been traditional in the region for almost a half century.

The key change in the revised plan was that the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur group agreed to bill for emergency ambulance service at prevailing County rates. But the plan does not specify who will be billed or who ultimately will pay for emergency service.

Pat Dowd, chairman of the executive committee who represents Carmel Valley, made it clear, though, that the region had not given up trying to provide no-fee or reduced fee service to medical victims.

"Our goal remains to reduce the cost—to zero if possible," Dowd told the group before the vote. Noting that the regional council has a subcommittee working on alternative financing ideas, he said: "A subscription service is possible, although very complicated. But we will bill third party payers. It's also possible that taxes might somehow be used to pay for emergency medical service."

Some members of the executive committee said privately that by agreeing to bill at prevailing rates, the revised plan took members from other regions off the horns of a political dilemma. That dilemma was how to explain to their constituents why they had to pay for emergency ambulance service while

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Board Opens Part of Park for Kids' Bikes

Putting off other major decisions, the board of directors of the Regional Park District voted unanimously Monday to allow Village youngsters to ride their bicycles across a corner of Garland Park to get to and from the Little League Park.

Told that they had "literally thrown the baby out with the bath water" two years ago when all bikes were banned, the board directed manager Gary Tate to recommend how to create a bicycle path connecting Garzas Road, the ballpark and de los Helechos to accommodate neighborhood youngsters.

The board again put off action on Tate's proposal to allow mountain bikes to use the 145-acre Cooper Ranch addition to Garland Park, reflecting some of the deep divisions between horsemen and hikers on one side and bicyclists who are seeking to be readmitted to at least some of the park.

It was the conflict between those two sides that caused the park district directors to vote to ban all bikes two years ago.

Taking its lead from Director Robert Griffin, the board decided not to make any decisions on the future use of Cooper Ranch until it held a working session to consider a comprehensive plan for all of Garland Park. The session, open to the public but not to public comment, was set for 4:30 p.m., March 29, at Cooper Ranch.

"I don't see any need to hurry," Griffin told fellow directors. "We're not looking at the total use of the property. We need to develop a large scale plan, continuing to collect information to get some sense of what the potential uses are."

Susan Augustitus, one of those urging that bicycles be allowed back in the park, expressed anger at the delay.

"It's a basic question of equity—you're using our tax dollars to give privileges to a select few," she said. "People who ride mountain bikes are not going out and trash that park. I'm more angry the longer it takes."

Opposing the use of mountain bikes in

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LETTERS

Appetite for Excellence

Thank you very much for the "Let's Eat Out" articles. I have enjoyed every one of them...the mouthwatering descriptions of the foods, the fun way of telling your observations and the interesting background of the restaurant provided.

However, I really look to your columns for guidance in restaurant selection. As we age, our appetite has room only for excellence!!

I would appreciate your value judgment on the following: food qualities (50%); services (15%); cost (10%); ambience (10%); unique items (other than food) 15%.

Eating is very subjective. I evaluate the above five factors with percentage points to show my feeling on the importance of each. An overall evaluation would be most helpful: Excellent Plus—"Must Go"; Excellent; Good. I hope your other readers will share with us their thinking on your column. Looking forward to your next articles!!

Art Young
Carmel

Bouquets to DeCarlo

Bouquets to Anita DeCarlo! Her creative talent is popping out all over the place.

Brushstrokes, her column in the *Sun*, is equally as crisp, refreshing and appealing as her teaching and paintings.

I, and many others, look forward to reading the interesting in-depth reviews of local art exhibitions in each issue. her perceptive observations are both professional and enjoyable, as well as understandable to art lovers and artists alike. She writes with enthusiasm and authority and her opinions are usually right on!

Dorothea Larsen
Carmel

DeCarlo Appreciated

We do appreciate your column "Brushstrokes" by Anita DeCarlo. She has been so kind to us in her coverage of our various exhibits here at the Carmel Valley manor. Her report of our November exhibit was a welcomed "lift" for all of us. Thank you all for your interest and in keeping us "up to date" about art in our area.

S. Elizabeth Dyer
Carmel Valley Manor

Talk of the Town

The calibre of the new "Sun" is the talk of the town. Its support of the "Arts" has especially been lauded from Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey where the "chair" of the Art Department, a Carmel Valley resident, posts your articles right down to our "Southcoast." You have been applauded by Artists Equity by even our Salinas members. We all want to say "Thank you." Your wonderful support of the arts is most appreciated.

Marjorie Van Nest
Open Studio Tour 90
Monterey County

A Band-Aid Solution

Picture this: a birdcage pedestrian overpass crossing Highway 1 at Ocean Avenue and the Carmel High School. An interchange at Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road where "two homes might be displaced." Chop down all the trees on the east side of the road from Carmel Valley to Atherton, and cut away the bank for four or six lanes of freeway. Chop down all the trees on the west side of the road from Atherton to Ocean Avenue to complete the widening so there remains a four or six lane ribbon of cement. Nothing left but San Jose sound barriers.

Then ask for an 8-foot easement through the front yards of the homes across the road from the high school, and then ask us to run another road to consolidate the driveways to exit on Highway 1 at only one person's driveway. (Did we lose our way in guaranteeing private property? Anyone else willing to do it at their home?)

I'm not making this up. I read it all in a Carmel Valley Sun story (Feb. 7) with the by-line of Dick Heuer.

He says the route is acceptable to the Sierra Club, the Hatton Canyon Coalition, and 200 people who attended a meeting in Carmel. He quotes Mayor Jean Grace as changing her position. "I now support widening Highway 1." In a show of irresponsible journalism, Mr. Heuer stated that there were indications that our two supervisors were reconsidering their positions as well.

Can you imagine the outrage one would hear if that presentation were made to a representative group of residents, rather than a small activist group?

Right now, traffic counts and projections tell you that more lanes would be needed to be built in Hatton Canyon before the construction on Highway 1 was finished. That's why it's called a Band-Aid solution. By law, Caltrans is not permitted to retain unused right-of-way, and by then Hatton Canyon may be a subdivision. (A fate it barely missed by being sold to the state as part of a parcel that became Carmel Knolls.)

Interesting history: The first meeting I attended nearly 40 years ago was to widen Junipero through Carmel and bring the traffic that was building up on Highway 1 out past Carmel Mission. That's when W. L. Hudson's offer to sell the Hatton Canyon was gratefully accepted.

And lastly, Mr. Heuer claims victory over the majority of us because not one of us spoke at the meeting. We didn't go. We quit attending for the reason that repeatedly, news stories say "200" were opposed to the freeway. If we'd been there, our number would simply have been added to the 200 "majority."

You don't vote at meetings. The only count we've had is in petitions, and we've "outvoted" them 6,000 to 3,000.

Lois Starnes
Carmel

Child Education Process

Thank you for printing my letter of Feb. 7. The response was quite shocking! Thirty-eight adults called me, all in agreement. I also talked with Candace Snow (wrote Feb. 21) and she and I do not disagree at all. I believe she misunderstood some of the things I was trying to say. I probably relayed them clumsily.

Many retired schoolteachers called to say they had to retire or stop substituting because of children who would not behave or try to learn and principals who would not back the teachers.

Maybe I just woke a few people up to pay attention to their children, to what is going on in their children's education process and to care about their children while they can.

Fran Libby
Carmel Valley

Too Much Bureaucracy

Today, I had the displeasure of reading two articles, side by side, in the news. Actually, it was fear that gripped me as I was reading, not mere displeasure.

What kind of planners have been hired by our local government and what are their motives? I question their goals when they blatantly try to force this inane Title 21 Ordinance on our farm owners. If our supervisors vote this in, they then should be voted out. We now have more government interference in all walks of our lives than was ever intended by our founders, and I am convinced that it is time the silent majority awoke to this fact and begins to dictate the amount and type of control necessary and acceptable to them.

The second article gave me a jolt of fear also. I have never been a friend of the Water Management District since its inception, and the years of money waste on outside consultants and the bungling of the proposed dam projects have made me dubious of their capabilities. I now have serious concern that we have no need for this bureaucratic bunch of inefficient do nothings. How they can try to justify a charge of this amount for a hook-up boggles my mind, especially since the restaurant in question was only moving from one place to another.

Enough is enough! Let's get our elected officials doing their jobs of protecting the rights of their constituents, not hampering their ability to live a free life and make a living.

Vernon Sciocchetti
Carmel Valley

Dogs! Dogs! Dogs!

Concerning the three letters published in the Sun over the last two issues: I am a dog owner, I live on Esquiline Road before Lower Circle. I was unaware of my dog barking when we left home until my neighbor informed us. We are now trying to take care of the problem.

However, I find it very difficult to explain to a six-year-old dog who has never been alone before, why his best friend and father left for the vet one day and never came home. Yes, he is lonely. I hope he will get used to not having another dog friend around.

No, it doesn't make us "dog owner folks" feel more secure to know our dogs bark when we are gone. Actually, it's quite sad. I don't believe in taking my dog with me wherever I go so he can sit in a hot car. That is cruel. I have tried to walk him but when I have my infant in a stroller my toddler holding my hand, and me trying to hold the leash and deal with all the dogs, especially on upper and lower circle who are free to come and go as they please because their owners don't want to keep them fenced in, it makes a nice walk an ordeal.

I do think the sheriff should be called when the barking at night is disrupting you. Then it is no longer a "minor nuisance." If you don't want to get out of bed to find the dogs, someone should. Not everyone sleeps at night. Some sleep during the day. So how are they to know when their dog is barking when they leave if you don't tell them. To me one complaint is as bad as ten. Lucky's owner should show some consideration. Dogs like that are the ones that end up getting poisoned or worse because people can take only so much aggravation. The sad part is the dog does all the suffering.

Elaine Eldridge
Carmel Valley

Lucky's O.K.

In response to Dee Cantlon's letter to The Sun about Lucky's barking, the statement was an extreme exaggeration of what the real situation is. Lucky has lived up here for eight years, far longer than the Cantlons. And until then, there has never been a single complaint about him.

Lucky is in every night. He is let out at 7 a.m. He never barks endlessly at nothing. By the way, the Cantlons have a dog that does. Lucky, as every good dog should, will bark occasionally 3 or 4 barks, if somebody is around the property. All of the neighbors will verify this. If the law allows dogs in an area then the law allows an occasional dog bark.

I submit that along with the loss of sleep and the frazzled nerves that come with raising an infant also comes the exaggerated perception of normal sounds.

Pete Marseguerra
Carmel Valley

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Irate Landowners Find Some Sympathy on Board of Supervisors

Irate landowners found some sympathetic ears on the County Board of Supervisors last week in their fight against restrictions in a proposed new agricultural zoning ordinance.

Pleading for preservation of private property rights, ranchers and farmers from all parts of the County heaped verbal abuse on the the Board in a demonstration of frustration at the prospect of ever more government regulation in an area they said was already over-governed.

"It's poor government when you have laws that will never be enforced unless it's at the convenience of some group or some neighbor who complains," declared Rod Mills of Carmel Valley, summing up a barrage of complaints that the ordinance was so detailed and restrictive it could never be enforced.

Chairman Dusan Petrovic, clearly on the side of his constituents, who dominated the hearing, said he would like to see the ordinance "shrunk from 300 pages to 10" and said any decision was a long way off.

Supervisor Marc Del Piero conducted most of the questioning and, while he argued with many of the speakers, he asked most of them if various changes would satisfy their complaints.

Speaker after speaker said no farmer could be expected to comply with the multitude of restrictions and, as a result, there would be no compliance. In delivering their complaints at the public hearing, several speakers attacked the supervisors for being "urban dictators," "never having met a payroll," "setting up a typical communist commune," and "acting like czars sitting up here telling all of us farmers under you what we can do with our land."

Title 21, as the ordinance is called, was approved 5-2 last June by the Planning Commission and is now before the supervisors. It includes restrictions on the number of dogs and cats farmers can own without a permit, regulates the height and placement of windmills and other farm structures and restricts hunting and/or fishing rights on private property, among other things. It applies in the unincorporated areas of the County outside of the Coastal zone.

After a two-hour hearing, the board voted to have a staff report on the issues available for public inspection April 21 followed by a fourth public hearing at 10 a.m., May 1.

"We're suffering from the accumulated effects of over-regulation," said George Work, a third generation landowner from South County, told the board. "We're losing freedom while the rest of the world is gaining freedom.

"By making it harder and harder on the rural population you'll drive people to move to Oregon or Montana," he said, thereby defeating the board's goal of "retaining the agricultural character of the county."

The proposed ordinance "makes us prisoners of the Planning Department," said Walt Basham, also from South County, "It destroys whatever confidence we have in this Board of Supervisors."

"Do we have to come up to Salinas twice a week to beg for a use permit?" he inquired to loud applause from the sympathetic crowd.

Timothy M. Handley of Gonzales, furious that only Chairman Petrovic who represents the South County was at a King City hearing on the ordinance Feb. 15, declared: "I don't like Title 21. It delves into our private property rights granted by the Fifth Amendment. As an officer in the Air Force, I took an oath to protect the U.S. against foreign enemies. Well, Title 21 is a domestic enemy.

"We own the well and we're being told that we can have so many cups out of it if we're nice people," Handley charged.

Del Piero said, "I don't want to reinvent the wheel. We're not going to spend more taxpayers dollars to go back and do it again."

He referred to the fact that Title 21, the first major revision of the ordinance since 1955, was designed to implement the 1982 County General Plan. If people object to the general plan, Del Piero said they can't amend it by changing the ordinance.

Handley said 300 people turned out for the King City hearing when only one of the five supervisors attended. He asked the board to stop and think "what North County and the peninsula would be without the agriculture of South County?"

Bill Sony of the King City area argued with Del Piero who said the ordinance was the result of input from the county advisory committees. Sony said the South County Advisory Committee made recommendations to the Planning Department "and the staff changed it all."

The barrage of complaints made some of the supervisors testy and they argued with the chairman over who should speak and how long.

"You should let the people decide," urged speaker Paul White, "Then you won't become inanimate objects that they hurl stones at. We don't like being told what to do by urban dictators."

PROTECTING THE RURAL scenes like this in the County is the object of Title 21, a rewrite of the zoning ordinance for agricultural areas. But speakers protesting to the Board of Supervisors said it adds so many new rules and regulations, it could have the opposite effect. One speaker said if regulation becomes too burdensome, farmers and ranchers will be temped to "sell out to developers from LA" and move to Oregon or Montana. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Kids on Bikes

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the Cooper addition, Valley residents Rod Mills and Reid Woodward told the board it was important to maintain separate trails for horses and even the young bike riders, especially in the area around the Trail and Saddle Club at the east end of Garzas Road.

Woodward said his group would be willing to work with the community and the park "to get kids to the ball park. But if it's (the proposal) to open up the area for trail bikes, we'll fight you."

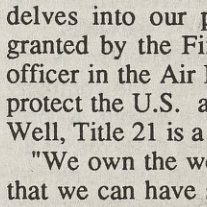
Without access through Garland Park, many youngsters must ride along Carmel Valley Road to get from their homes to the Little League Park on Paso Hondo. "It seems critical that we look at the safety of our children," said director Dina Stansbury. "I wouldn't let my children ride on Carmel Valley Road."

Tom Augustitus and representatives of the Monterey Mountain Bike Club said they had toured Cooper Ranch with Tate last month, finding its network of trails and roads suitable for beginning and intermediate bikers. "It will satisfy the majority of mountain bike users," Augustitus said.

As for the future use of the buildings on Cooper Ranch, Tate said he had contacted non-profit groups in the region by letter asking if they might have an interest in using part of Cooper Ranch. But he said he got little response.

He said the Carmel Valley History Society still was the only group making concrete proposals for using the Cooper Ranch facilities. He did say that he had discussed with Tom Nason the possibility of creating an indian village on the property and might have a draft proposal for the board to consider at its next meeting.

Directors suggested they might look favorably on having the History Society temporarily use the Cooper Ranch facilities, including the main house, but they wanted more information and study before making permanent arrangements.



Positive Thoughts

Herman & Miriam Fickewirth

Praise God even when you don't understand what He is doing.
—Henry Jacobsen

Loves cures people—both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.
—Karl Meninger

The best way to destroy an enemy is to change him into a friend.
—Unknown

Anger is quieted by a gentle word, just as fire is quenched by water.
—Megiddo Message

Each day comes bearing its gifts. Untie the ribbons.
—Ann Schabacker

Vitality shows not only in the ability to persist but in the ability to start over.
—F. Scott Fitzgerald

The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it.
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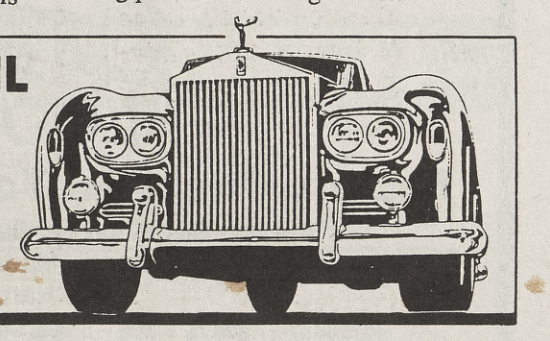

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SHERIFF'S LOG

QUAIL LODGE. A driver was reported spinning 180s at the west end of the Driving Range. 2/16.
VILLAGE. A driver was reported spinning 180s at the Trail and Saddle Club; a juvenile was found and cited. 2/16.
VILLAGE. A resident reported his vehicle was vandalized while parked near his home on Via Los Tulares. 2/16.

Old Piano Missing

LAURELES GRADE. A man from Medina, Wash., reported an antique Steinway piano valued at $500 had been taken from a barn on the old McDonald Ranch sometime between Nov. 15 and Feb. 15. 2/17.
MID VALLEY. A woman reported that while she was shopping at Safeway someone took money from her purse. 2/17.
SLEEPY HOLLOW. A woman reported hearing gunshots east of her house along Carmel Valley Road; an investigation turned up nothing. 2/17.
MID VALLEY. A woman reported the theft of nine plants from her yard on Tierra Grande. 2/18.
PT. LOBOS. A woman from UC-Davis reported someone broke into her car while it was parked along Highway 1 and stole her purse. 2/18.
HIGHWAY 1. A transient was arrested when he was stopped at Carmel River Bridge and found to be an ex-felon and carrying a loaded .375 pistol. 2/19.
LAURELES GRADE. A woman from Modesto reported the theft of a camera and gloves from her unlocked car while it was parked at Carmel Valley Inn on Feb. 10. 2/20.
VILLAGE. A woman on Lupin Lane reported someone broke the windshield out of her car. 2/20.

Mobile Home Burglarized

CACHAGUA. A Carmel man reported someone broke into his mobile home and *stole TVs, stereo, binoculars, guitar fishing rods and furniture. 2/20.*
CACHAGUA. A resident reported hearing gunshots; investigating deputies found and stopped three men. No citations were issued when their IDs and firearms checked out clear. 2/21.
CROSSROADS. A Carmel Knolls resident reported her child's mountain bike had been stolen from the shopping center area on Dec. 24. 2/22.
MID VALLEY. Monterey police reported recovering license plates belonging to a Carmel Valley Manor woman who did not realize they had been taken. 2/23.
HIGHWAY 1. Administrators reported video equipment had been stolen from Room 16 at Carmel High School. 2/24.
MID VALLEY. A store owner reported his vehicle was burglarized as it was parked outside his shop. 2/25.
LAURELES GRADE. Public Works officials reported someone broke headlamps and windows out of a tractor parked across from Garland Park. 2/26.

Tire-less Car Reported

HIGHWAY 1. A resident reported someone jacked up his car and stole all four tires while it was parked overnight. 2/26.
VILLAGE. A businessman complained about people congregating on Del Fino every morning. 2/27.
MID VALLEY. A resident reported the theft of plants from a front yard on Tierra Grande. 2/28.

Panetta Seeks Senior Interns

Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Carmel Valley, is seeking applicants, 60 years of age or more, from his district to serve as senior interns in Washington from May 13 to May 19. Two will be chosen and must pay for all costs associated with their stay in the Capitol. Those interested should write Panetta at 339 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. *March 10 is the deadline for applying.*

Building Moratorium To Ease For Mutual Water Company

An 18-month, county-imposed building moratorium in the Carmel Riviera Mutual Water Co. service area will soon be eased, Chairman Harold Seyferth told the company's annual meeting on March 3.

Seyferth said County Environmental Health Officer Walter Wong agreed to begin a phased-lifting of the ban on new septic permits after being told of the company's efforts to provide new water supplies and encourage conservation by its owner-members.

The water company supplies some 135 owner-members in the Yankee Point-Mal Paso area with water diverted from Mal Paso Creek and produced by six wells.

The moratorium was imposed by Wong in September of 1988 when the company had to go outside its own system to provide water for firefighting reserves. It affected some 29 unimproved lots-of-record. Wong has indicated that lot owners anxious to build who could show progress in the permitting process would be considered for the first increment of lots to be removed from the moratorium. It was understood this could total 10 or perhaps 12 lots, Seyferth told the meeting.

Additional lots will be released later as the water company completes other projects to bring more water into its system. Most promising is a project to drill some existing company wells about 200 feet deeper to tap a strong aquifer which has recently been identified in the Mal Paso Canyon area, Seyferth said.

Under state law, Wong had no alternative but to impose the moratorium when the mutual had to borrow 100,000 gallons of water from Cal Am to keep in reserve for fighting fire in the summer of 1988. The company ran short of water because of the drought and the failure of contractors to finish a $300,000 capital improvement project on time. The project included increasing the company's storage capacity from 180,000 gallons to 380,000 gallons.

Subdivision Evaluation Applicants Sought

Carmel Valley residents are being sought to serve on the Citizens' Subdivision Evaluation Committee. It meets the third Thursday of each month and is charged with evaluating and scoring minor and standard subdivision proposals within the Carmel Valley Master Plan area.

Those interested in serving on the committee should contact 5th District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, 93940.

Brian Smith Is County Fire Volunteer of Year

Brian Smith, a captain at Mid Valley Fire Department, has been honored as Volunteer Firefighter of the Year by the Monterey County Fire Chiefs Association.

"He's one you can count on all the time," said Chief Gary Carmichael of Smith, comptroller at Carmel Valley Ranch Resort and a Mid Valley volunteer since 1983.

Smith was honored March 2 along with David Gasperson of the Salinas Fire Department as the Paid Firefighter of the Year and Vicki Ford of the Arroyo Seco Fire Department as the Support Firefighter of the Year.

Carmichael said Smith had been Mid Valley's "top responder" for several years running and typically put in more than 200 hours a year training to improve his skills.

Smith is a certified emergency medical technician (EMT) and recently was certified to use a defibrillator on heart attack victims.

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County Filling Vacancies; Considers Restoring Advisory Responsibilities

With the filling of some staff vacancies underway, Zoning Administrator Dale Ellis said the Planning Department is discussing when normal operation of 17 citizen advisory committees in the County will be resumed.

Ellis touched off a storm of criticism by the committees when he wrote them Jan. 31 that a serious staff shortage necessitated the temporary elimination of 19 items normally considered by the committees, which review proposed projects in their areas and make initial recommendations to the Planning Commission .

Ellis told the *Sun* on March 5 that two new staff members had been hired, a third was considering an offer and a fourth was of interest to the department. In reducing the authority of the advisory committees, Ellis cited a heavy workload brought about by 10 vacancies among planners.

Asked when the advisory committees might resume normal review of projects, Ellis said: "We're discussing that now. We've said all along there would be an end to it. But until we began to refill some of those positions, we didn't really feel we could return think about returning to normal."

The Highlands-Bixby Advisory Committee, which covers the coastal region south of Carmel to the Bixby Bridge, was among the most critical of Ellis' decision. It has has asked the Board of Supervisors to rescind Planning Director Robert Slimmon, Jr.'s cutback in the duties of the committees to ensure public participation in the planning process.

In a separate complaint, the Carmel Advisory Committee said it "will not tolerate the erosion of the visual relationships that are so important to our unique coastal area" that it fears will occur due to the cutback.

"The exemption of these 19 items restricts the opportunity for the general public to be notified of projects within their specific neighborhoods and eliminates their opportunity for on-site evaluations," the Highlands-Bixby letter told the supervisors.

As a result of the cutback, few projects are being passed on to the committees for review. Among projects eliminated from local review were: small accessory structures of 450 square feet or less such as guest houses, studios, and garages, and additions of 10 percent or less to a maximum 1,000 square feet, skylights, solar panels, fireplaces, decks, hot tubs, spas, pools and fences.

"If the understaffed and overworked planners are pressed to approve projects that meet just the zoning and building criteria," Highlands-Bixby members said, it could result "in a proliferation of projects that will have major impacts in critical viewshed areas.

"Ridges and hillsides along the coast could be particularly affected, if for example, guest houses, accessory structures and additions to existing buildings are improperly sited."

"New walls and fences in the coastal zone are always a major concern and county planners seldom have the time to make a trip from Salinas to Carmel Highlands or the Big Sur to see what is at stake unless it is a major project," they added.

Mavis Edwards, corresponding secretary of the Carmel Advisory Committee, wrote Ellis that of the list of projects to be excluded, "14 of them are the very reason our committee exists...We are on the committee because we do not want the quality of our neighborhoods to erode."

The group said they thought the matter should have been discussed with the neighborhood committees in advance, adding, "We are not sure how cutting the workload of the committee will cut the workload of the planners."

Once new planners are hired, Ellis said it would take an average of about 60 days to train them for the job.

TAKING HIS FIRST CUTS of the season, a would-be Little Leaguer hits a liner through the infield during tryouts at the Little League park on Paso Hondo. Tryouts for youngsters just coming into the league will be held next Saturday as well.
Sun photo by Stan Hall

Fish Ladder

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the river. A draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) now being reviewed by the water management district suggests water demands on the river already are so great that damage is occurring to fish and riparian vegetation.

Under questioning, Dettman said scientists have not been able to identify what it is in their genes that makes Carmel River steelhead different from other steelhead. But he said it is known that Carmel River steelhead can tolerate higher water temperatures, up to 80 degrees, than other fish. He also said Carmel River steelhead can survive in water containing less oxygen, as little as 2 percent.

Mike Berry of the State Fish & Game Department told the board his agency would not contribute funds to help pay for the experiment and would neither endorse nor oppose it.

Berry did say that if enough fish are lured over the ladder, Fish & Game would participate by transporting some of them by truck from the lagoon to a state hatchery where they would be bred to produce a new generation of young.

Depending on the weather, Dettman said he planned to set up the ladder for about five days between March 19-23 because the tides would be most favorable then—both high and low tides would be relatively high and high tides would occur at night.

Steelhead usually migrate back into their coastal streams at night, so the project must be staffed around the clock. Officials of the Carmel River Steelhead Association told the board their members would volunteer to help.

Board Member Jim Hughes, a diver who organized an ocean rescue team in Pacific Grove, told Dettman a storm could easily destroy the ladder. I've seen waves 30 feet high on that beach," Hughes said.

Dettman said he recognized that possibility, and had designed the ladder so it could be quickly dismantled in case of a storm.

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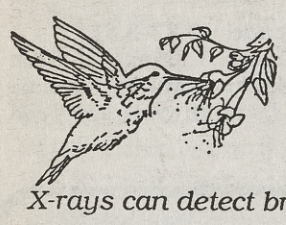

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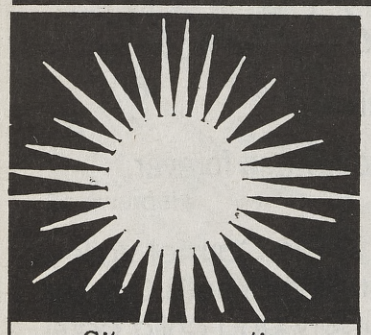

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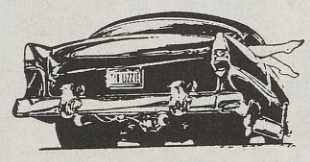

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FOCUS Wraps Up Phone Fundraiser

The Friends of Carmel Unified Schools (FOCUS) wrap up a four-day telephone fundraiser Thursday to raise money to support programs that otherwise would be dropped or cut back.

Paul LaGoy, president of the 10-year-old "self-help" organization, said volunteers have been telephoning area residents soliciting tax deductible donations to provide additional financial help to the schools.

In its 10-year history, LaGoy said FOCUS had contributed about $424,500 to the district to help both academic and extra-curricular activities.

"In the '90s, the need to continue this program will be even greater and require more assistance from the residents and parents of the Carmel District," FOCUS said.

Seek Sponsors for Monte Carlo Night

The Carmel Valley Community Youth Center's principal fundraising event of the year, Monte Carlo Night, is scheduled for April 28, and the organization is looking for sponsors to help support it.

The 8th annual fundraiser will be held at Hidden Valley Music Seminars and feature an evening of gambling run by professional dealers. Those participating in black jack, craps, roulette or the slot machines will be playing for large prizes such as trips and works of art as well as "luck of the moment" prizes that will be awarded throughout the evening.

Organizers are seeking sponsors for the gaming tables at $250 each or slot machines at $150. Joint sponsorships are available for a minimum of $50. In addition, organizers are seeking donations of services or merchandise to be given as prizes during the evening.

All the proceeds will go to operate and improve the Youth Center on Ford Road. Its facilities include a park, meeting hall, activity house, and a swimming pool. The center has been a principal focus of community life in the Valley for nearly 30 years.

All donations are tax deductible, and more information is available from the Community Center, 659-3983.

Native Oaks Program

Dr. William Tietje, a natural resource specialist, will present a slide program on the problems of native oaks at the March 20 meeting of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

Tietje will discuss methods used by the University of California Integrated Hardwood Range Management Program to improve and restore oak woodland and the wildlife habitat it provides. He is a natural resource specialist with the U.C. Cooperative Extension in San Luis Obispo. The 7:30 p.m. program at Brey Library, Carmel High School, is open to the public.

Softball League Play Set

Men and women softball players can sign up at the Carmel Recreation Department now for the Spring Socko League which begins play March 25. Registration is first-come, first-serve and costs $220 for each team for the league and playoff games. 626-1255.

Former Faculty Member Donates Signed Books to Santa Catalina

G. William Gahagan of Carmel, one of Santa Catalina School's earliest faculty members, has donated his collection of more than 100 autographed books to the school's Sister Kieran Memorial Library.

The collection includes works by Helen Gahagan Douglas, Yehudi Menuhin, Dean Acheson, President Harry S Truman, S. I. Hayakawa, Arnold Toynbee and Robinson Jeffers.

Gahagan taught English and history at Santa Catalina in 1954-'55.

Goodwill Returns to Mid Valley

Goodwill's attended donation station will return to Mid Valley Shopping Center March 15 for a three month stay. An attendant will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

Goodwill officials urged people to bring their donations while the attendant was on duty to ensure they were undamaged. For information about home pickup, telephone 646-8567.

A CUPCAKE and a certificate were Carmel Valley resident Frank Wasko's rewards after he passed the two gallon mark in his donations of blood. Making the presentation at the Crossroads in Red Cross Volunteer Martha Boyer.

Top Middle School Scholars Announced

Carmel Middle School students earning highest (4.0 GPA) and high (3.83-3.8) honors during the second quarter:

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6th Grade (3.83-3.80)

Kristen Carlson, Christian Edwards, Jeremiah Jeffries, Genevieve Lewis, Robbie Nakamura, Paul Petersen, Sage Simon, Quincy Struve, Kent Wehde, Shelby Wilson and Clinton Zobel.

7th Grade (4.0)

Sarah Eaton, Stacey Gray, Annelise Moore, Oriana Roberts and Kimberly Wagstaff.

7th Grade (3.83-3.8)

Scott Clack, Brooks Foster, Aaron Gaily, Todd Hoskins, Jennifer Kabat, Jessica Kattan, Sean Langston, Jamie Lawn, Kealoha Seltzer, Illona Simon, Chris Stuber-Keller, Holly Thomas and Michael Thompson.

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Frank Allard, Navarre Bautista, Genesta Cowen, Christian David, Holly Erk, Anne Gerken, Haruno Ito, Eric Kauffman, Micah Lande, Kyle Loring, Michael Palshaw, Oliver Pappas, Molly Pettit, Danielle Picard, Johanna Rosen, Joseph Sheedy, Carrie Shiffman, Daniel Silver, Brittany Struve, Keiko Tanaka, Miki Terasawa and Danielle Wall.

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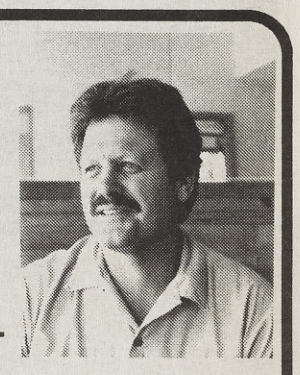

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Out and About

By Isabelle Hall

On a clear night I can lay in bed and see the Point Sur Lighthouse beacon flashing across the open sea about 14 miles to the south. It is a cheerful sight winking at me in the night and, like a siren, it drew me to want to explore the source.

After more than a year of pondering, I finally talked my husband and four stalwart friends into taking the Point Sur Lightstation tour which is offered when the weather is good only on Sunday morning under fairly strict limitations.

The sun dawned under a thick cloud behind the mountains east of the house. The horizon where sea meets sky was barely discernible from the vantage point of my bedroom. My husband assured me it would clear.

By 9 a.m. we were heading south on Highway 1 to Point Sur as wispy clouds of fog swirled over the road and into the canyons and cliffs above the Pacific. The sun was shining, however, as we got in line at the gate to the Lightstation where docents welcome you for $2 per person, with a limit of just 15 cars for the tour.

Warned about how cold and windy the tour can be, we were dressed warmly and anxious to start the hike up the 300-foot rock on which the lightstation was built in the 1880's in a laborious process.

As the docents explained, construction materials were brought to the rocky promontory by ship or by wagon, across a corduroy road which crossed the sand dunes, and hauled up to the top on a steep, cogged rail line. The rounded peak of the rock was blasted off to create a flat space large enough for the residential area required to support the lightstation. All the original buildings were made of stone blocks with obvious good craftmanship still evident today.

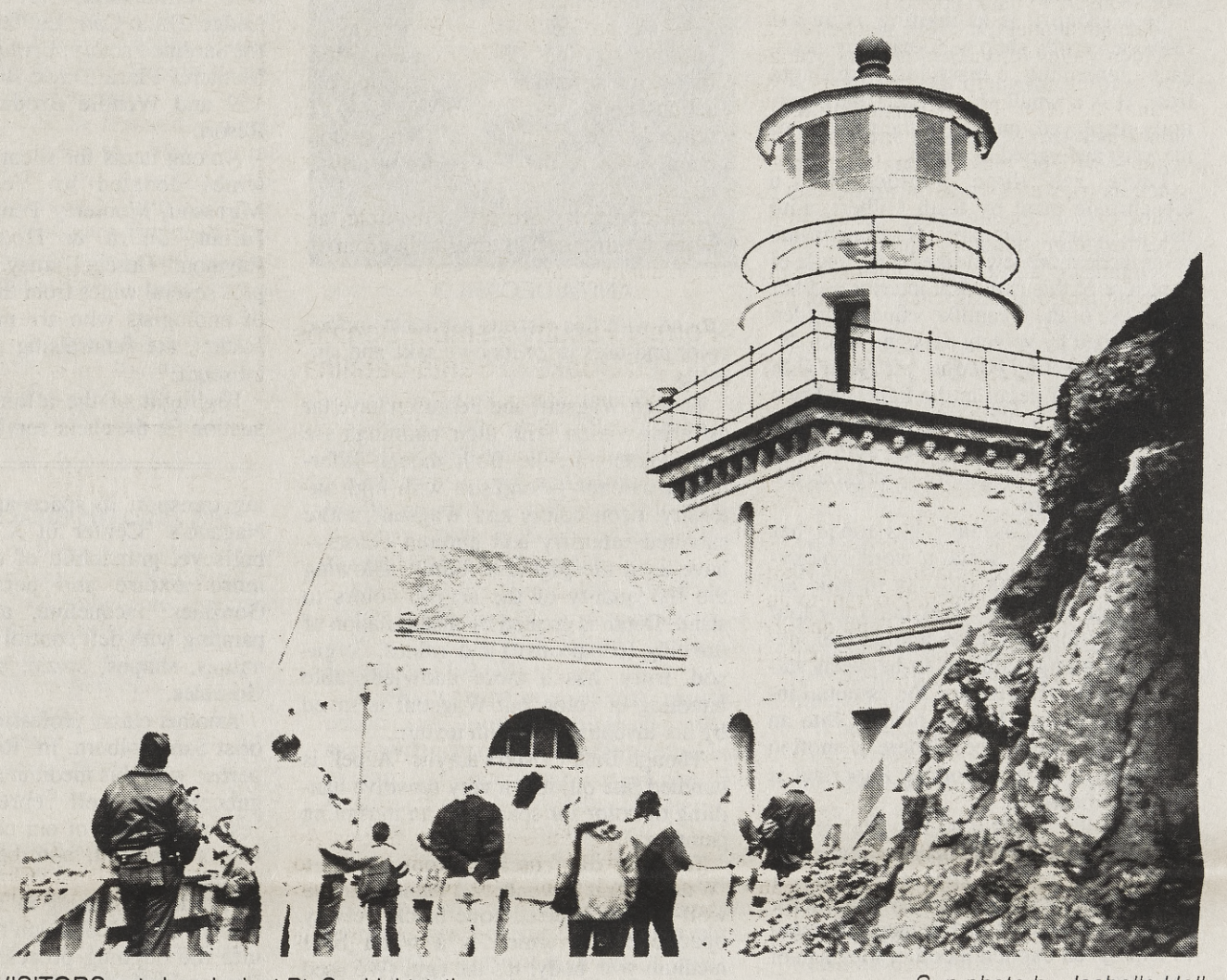
Trudging our way up the road, we came almost directly beneath the four-story house which housed the keepers and their families. It towers over the cliffs with almost a sheer drop to the ocean, which was boiling and crashing into the rocks far below. It made me think of the North Sea and the Scottish coast with its loneliness and harsh scenery.

Heading into the winds from the north that morning was a bit of a struggle, and this was not a stormy day. The docent from the American Cetacean Society was along to tell us about the whales that pass but it was too windy for the waterspray from their spouts to be visible. She did point out a playful otter who seemed to follow us along the rock.

Putting yourself in the place of the hardy souls who manned this lightstation—and all the others on coastlines around the world—made us all realize what a hard life they would have led—and the docents said Point Sur was among the hardest of them all. The hardships, the loneliness, the lack of supplies, of simple entertainment, of companionship are hard to imagine from the comfortable vantage point in which most of us live today.

Water, for example, was brought from the hills on the east side of what is now Highway 1 to a 53,000 gallon cistern using only gravity and a small pump to get it up to the dwellings.

Before Highway 1 was completed in 1937, bulk supplies like coal, firewood, animal feed and some food came by ship about every four months. The "lighthouse tender" would anchor south of the lightstation and send in a 20-foot whaler towing a skiff, both loaded with supplies. The goods were hoisted in cargo nets to a platform at the base of the rock, secured to the railcar and winched up the rock.



VISITORS get close look at Pt. Sur Lightstation .

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

As a child I remember the excitement when the supply boat that steamed the Muskoka Lakes docked at the wharf at my aunt's cottage on Lake Rosseau in Northern Ontario. We would sit on the dock and watch it approaching for an hour or so, jumping up and down in anticipation of the gangplank sliding out so we could run in to see the wonderful treats at the "store." All that, and we were only about eight miles from a town that we could drive to.

Think what it was like for the children of the four lightstation keepers' families at Point Sur when that tender arrived, bringing a taste of the outside world to their isolation. It was clearly a "hardship" post, the docents explained, one from which to work your way up in the world.

And the work! The tedium. Twenty-four hours a day, every day, the first keeper and his three assistants kept the light shining and the fog signal broadcasting as required to keep passing ships from crashing into the rocky promontory during rough weather. Prior to construction of the lightstation, Point Sur was the site of many wrecks by ships veering too close to shore during storms.

Our little group reached the lighthouse and climbed the circular staircase to the light itself where we were told the keepers of old had to have all the glass windows polished by 10 a.m. each day. We were shown the beautiful prisms which used to light the chartroom directly below the lens created by French physicist Augustin Fresnel that was lit by gas and cast a beam visible for 23 nautical miles. Unfortunately, the huge lens had to be removed in 1978 because of vandalism (people were shooting at it) but it is on display at the Allen J. Knight Maritime Museum in Monterey.

As the docent talked about the optics of the lens and how it worked, my mind drifted. And I had a vision of Andrew Wyeth's strange painting of himself, depicted as a skeleton, in an admiral's uniform sitting in the window of just such a lighthouse on the Maine coast. I could begin to see how he might have created such an eerie painting when I thought about all the shipwrecked sailors claimed over the years in the dangerous waters below.

We walked around the catwalk which encircles the lamp tower, bending into the suddenly fierce winds. Far below stretched the empty sand beaten into dunes by the relentless waves. It was an appropriate time for the docent's story of how

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Brush Strokes *The Art Scene*

Open Studio at Monterey Peninsula Airport

By Anita DeCarlo

Our airport is beginning to grow up. It is no bigger but it is better. The best of airports are places to go even when not travelling, because there is something to do or see at odd hours in the fantasy of adventure and the anonymity of strangers.

The current showing of a sampling of artists from the Open Studio Tour coming in May gives our airport a lot of class. It is for the most part highly professional work, professionally presented.

As a group it is as inviting as an old fashioned candy shop with sparkling cases, each containing a marvelously different treat. It is a small show; each piece caringly displayed, unique in the persona of the artist and varied in media.

There are three photographs: a cibachrome print by Ruth Gilbert, with the glistening intensity of cibachrome color made more jewel-like by the angle of exposure of this cathedral interior and her astute use of the dreamlike values—golden light shaped by velvety darks in which detail melts creating contrast yet again with the tapestry of detail in the light; and two by Huntington Witherill and Martha Casanave, both silver prints, soft black and white with the quality of organic ink on an aged etching.

In addition, Casanave has toned her "Fields of Mars" sepia, a word synonymous in itself with old—as in attic albums. Her focus dissolves into only four values, giving us a near-sighted feel, details lost along with the in-between values. We are left with just the essential information of two figures melting into an avenue of barren trees. There is motion and there is weight. Nothing important is lost. It is beautiful.

Witherill's "Graffiti #2 Nevada" silverprint has no distorted focus to shape our mood, but rather appears to be a sandwiching of images sharply focused for heightened contrast and richness of detail to express an explicit mood or message of the artist.

Of the four acrylic paintings, I am most enamored with Jan Wagstaff's "Westwind" and Barclay Ferguson's "Moss Landing Power Plant #3." Acrylic is a true stepchild, most often wanting to be either watercolor or oil but occasionally an artist—Wayne Thiebaud comes instantly to mind— finds a common meeting

ANITA DECARLO

ground with this viscous paint and surface color and uses it for its own sake and sincerity.

Though Wagstaff and Ferguson have far differing vision both their paintings are unmistakably acrylic. Both, though differing in palettes—Ferguson with high intensity, neon colors and Wagstaff, more subdued intensity and autumn colors—have used the pigments thinly, allowing the flat quality of the acrylic colors to stand. Depth is created by manipulation of drawing (perspective) and values. Ferguson, truly, has a more knowledgeable handling of color, but Wagstaff is saved by her inventiveness with texture.

Though Dick Crispo's acrylic "Azuel" is handled like oil, it is a very sensitive handling of color for space and an intriguing painting.

There is one casein: Deanna Forbes "Wolf." What a wonderful choice for the wolf—warm charred-bone-black, velvety opaque casein which is a water base medium with body. It's the egg. (We used to give our dog eggs to give his hair body). The simplicity of the design would not have been as effective in any other medium. The contrast is more than white and black—it is the quality of the white and the quality of the black. It is beautiful.

There are several mixed media: Mike Duffy's construction "To Be," an interesting transport in space and time; Karen Nagano's "Center in X," a play on a bullseye, grandchild of op art but with more texture and personality; Alex Gonzales' "Jacqueline," a knowledgeable painting with deft control of color, edges, values, shapes, space, child's play for Gonzales.

Another classy professional is watercolorist Sam Colburn. In "Roxy #1" his expertise with this medium and aesthetics in general are well represented in this "essential" view of our coast. Sam paints what's essential, nothing more. This is beautiful.

A relief is painting in 3-D. Your layers create values which you must incorporate into the ongoing process. Jean Wilsdon Brenner's "Sienna Rock Forms" is very well conceived and executed.

I wish that I could walk around Terry Adkison's "Dreamer." The dreamer is sculpted onto an old kitchen chair. Sculpture and chair are uniform in color—cream. She is fluid and fleshlike though simplified. She and the chair truly work well together and the only thing out of harmony is the dimension of her chest. But perhaps that's the dream. Actually, the sum total of all the parts of the "room" in which she dreams is greater than the parts.

In another "room" are more three dimensional pieces: a marvelous wood-mixed media sculpture by Gloria Hughes which appeals to the subdued child in me as well as the artist—a playful attack on bricks; and a black chrome-plated steel "K6" by Richard Mayer, clean and classy but a little reminscent of coffee table toppers.

In the third "room" two pieces of pottery are outstanding: Peter Pilat's raku-fired ceramic "Fireseed," sculptural, forcing shape on the space surrounding it, textural as well as painterly—it is beautiful; and Laraswati Wuamett's handburnished pit-fired ceramic which he calls, simply, "Vessel." It has the patina of ancient, loved wood, the colors of the ages compressed in stone and a shape that is absolutely pure. It is the most beautiful thing in the show.

"Taste for Art" Benefits MPMA: Top Chefs to Be Auctioned Off

Six prominent peninsula chefs will have their services auctioned off March 17 at the annual "Taste for Art" at LaPlaya Hotel to benefit the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art.

The museum also will introduce and offer for sale its own private label wine for 1990, a 1988 Chardonnay from the Ventana winery. The label features a reproduction of an E. Charlton Fortune painting which is part of the museum's permanent collection.

The chefs whose services will be auctioned to the highest bidders include: Bob Williamson, the Covey at Quail Lodge; Brian Carr, LaPlaya; Bert Cutino, the Sardine Factory; Ecolino Crugnale, the Monterey Plaza; David Beckwith, Central 159 and Wendie Brodie of Stonepine Resort.

Among items for silent auction will be wines donated by Ventana, Talbot, Mirassou, Monterey Peninsula, Chateau Julian, Smith & Hook, La Reina, Raymond, Husch, Durney and Renaissance plus several wines from the private cellars of enologists who are members of The Jesters, the fundraising auxiliary of the museum.

Highlight of the affair will be a live auction for the chefs' services plus a bottle of 1949 Corton Clos de Roi, Prince d'Emeraud valued at $800; a weekend for four at the Renaissance Winery in Northern California; green fees for four with carts and champagne at Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club and a horse-drawn carriage ride to a picnic in Del Monte Forest at Pebble Beach.

The silent auction includes food and lodging at such resorts and hotels as Carmel Valley Ranch, La Playa, The Sheraton, Rancho Canada and Hyatt House.

Renee Eaton Has C.V. Manor Show

Valley artist Renee Eaton's "Fresh Approach to Watercolor" exhibit is on display at the Carmel Valley Manor Gallery this month.

Ms. Eaton won first prize in watercolor at the Seaside Competitive last year. She also has shown at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art Biennial Exhibition, the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History Competitive and the Salute to Jazz festival. The manor is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is at 8545 Carmel Valley Road.

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ART HAPPENINGS

The California Arts Council will award grants from the Traditional Folk Arts Program. Deadline for applications is May 4. They can be for any traditional folk art such as: Old-time fiddling, Lao khene, Native American basket weaving, Cajun accordion playing, Mexican American corrido composing and singing, traditional instrument construction or rawhide braiding for cowboy gear. Write California Arts Council, 1901 Broadway, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95818.

Photolore opens March 7 with a reception, Hartnell College Gallery, 156 Homestead Ave., Salinas.

Photographer John Sexton will have a reception March 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m., the Thunderbird Bookshop,The Barnyard.

Monterey artist Barry Masteller has an exhibit of recent oils at the Claypoole-Freese Gallery opening with a reception March 23, 7-9 p.m. 373-7179.

Members of the Emeryville Artists Cooperative and Carmel photographer Fred Chamberlin have an exhibit of paintings, drawings, photography, graphic puzzles and sculpture opening March 9 at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

Santa Catalina School has an exhibit of art by alumnae at the Gallery, Sister Kieran Memorial Library, Mark Thomas Drive, Monterey, 649-1432.

Flashback: A Photographic Reflection of Monterey is on exhibit through April 27 at the Alvarado Lobby, Monterey Conference Center, One Portoloa Plaza.

Beacon House Art Auction, the major fundraising acitivity for the peninsula's oldest facility for chemical dependence recovery, will be held March 17 at Rancho Canada Golf and Country Club. Silent auction 5 p.m. Dinner, 7 p.m., live art auction, 8 p.m.

Second Annual Open Studio Tour in May

Sixty-six Monterey County artists will open their studios to art lovers during the second annual Open Studio Tour May 19-20.

Sponsored by the Central Coast Chapter of Artists Equity, the tour is partially funded by the Monterey County Cultural Council and a grant from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

The event proved popular when it was inaugurated last year with a self-guided tour enabling people curious to watch artists at work travel the county to visit the studios. Painters, sculptors, photographers, potters, printmakers, jewelers, stained glass and textile artists will hold open studios in Aromas, Salinas, Carmel Valley, Big Sur, Carmel, Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove and Monterey.

All 66 artists will be featured at a gala reception from 7 to 9 p.m., May 4 at the Pacific Grove Art Center. A second reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 18 at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art. Salinas artists will have an additional exhibit at Valley Art Gallery in Salinas.

Catalogs will be available a month in advance at various ticket and art outlets or by sending $10 plus $2 postage to Artists Equity, OST 90, P.OP. Box HG, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

Ambulance Rate Hearing Set

Supervisors will consider approval of increases in maximum rates charged by emergency medical ambulances operating in the county when they meet March 13.

The new fee schedule includes:

Advanced Life Support base	$360.00
Basic Life Support	188.55
Mileage (per mile)	8.00
Code 3 Response/Transport	49.40
Night(7p.m.-7a.m.)	40.85
Oxygen	36.85
Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation	25.00
Standby (per hour)	100.00

The County has not allowed an increase since 1986, and a recent survey showed it was 34 percent below the median of comparable counties in the state.

Ambulance Plan

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residents in the most affluent part of the County did not.

In 1988, County voters approved a measure to replace ambulance attendants trained in Basic Life Support (BLS) with paramedics, or those trained in Advanced Life Support (ALS). The measure provided for a special per-parcel property assessment of $12 a year for a typical one-family home to pay for better trained personnel.

The three other regions in the County have met or will meet the paramedic requirement by hiring professional ambulance companies and billing victims for their services.

But the Greater Carmel Valley region has traditionally enjoyed no-fee service. In part, that was because the Red Cross provided three ambulances free of charge to fire departments in the region—with the only ambulances the Red Cross owns anywhere in the country.

The other principal component in the no-fee service was the fire departments themselves. In many cases, volunteers provided the Basic Life Suppport personnel aboard the ambulances as well as the drivers.

Under the plan approved by the executive committee, full-time paramedics will be assigned to Carmel, Big Sur and Carmel Valley, with Mid Valley and Carmel Valley Fire Departmewnts sharing a paramedic post. In addition to the paramedic, A BLS medical technician and in some cases a driver as well would respond to emergency calls.

From the per-parcel tax, the Greater Carmel Valley region is scheduled to receive a first-year subsidy from the county of $204,000.

In effect, members of the regional council said, most of that subsidy will go to provide a paramedic-staffed ambulance at Big Sur, operating out of the fire department which is wholly volunteer.

Chief Gary Carmichael of the Mid Valley Fire Department put the estiumated cost for salaries at Big Sur at $176,000 a year for around-the-clock paramedic coverage, plus housing for the paramedics.

He said this was a high cost to pay for the 100 or so medical calls that Big Sur volunteers answer in a year, but there was no alternative if the region was to meet the voter-approved upgrade requirements.

After the executive committee approved the regional plan, Gene Erner, a member of the committee and chairman of the Greater Carmel Valley Regional Council, acknowledged it had been a "lengthy and difficult process" to come up with a viable regional plan. "But I think it is workable," he said.

He paid tribute to the many agencies which had to work together to agree upon the plan which the executive committee approved. In addition to the Red Cross, the region had to get agreement from Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel Valley, Carmel Highlands, Mid Carmel Valley, Cachagua, Big Sur and County Service Areas 39 and 43, located near Community Hospital and on Rio Road.

With the approval of the regional plan, officials said it could take from three to six months to hire or train paramedics to staff the ambulances. Kim Donnelly, county EMS coordinator, said she was not sure exactly how long it would take, but she expressed satisfaction that the region was willing to move ahead before the financing question was resolved.

Members of the committee said paramedics might be available from Santa Clara County, which they reported had decided to staff its ambulances with just one paramedic instead of two.

Ms. Donnelly provided the Sun with statistical data from roughly the last six months of 1989 for ambulances operated by Carmel, Carmel Valley, Mid Valley and Big Sur that showed that 53 percent of the patients would have received Advanced Life Support (ALS) medical attention had it been available.

A breakdown of the data showed Big Sur transported 17 patients from August through December, seven of whom would have received ALS. Carmel Valley transported 56 patients, 29 of whom would have received ALS. Mid Valley transported 81 patients, 47 of whom would have received ALS. And Carmel transported 330 patients, 173 of whom would have received ALS.

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Julia Child at Food & Wine Masters Show

By Isabelle Hall

Julia Child, author of the serious American cook's bible, put on a stellar performance at the Fourth Annual Masters of Food & Wine at Highlands Inn last week. A true professional at cooking, cookery writing, acting and the quip, she flung around a raw duck, whacked a batch of dough with a huge rolling pin and brought a deep red blush to the face of Brian Whitmer, executive chef of the host kitchen, all without blinking an eye.

The rather serious crowd of about 100 who had paid $125 each to see her cook and then enjoy a gourmet lunch of the same repast dissolved in laughter at her antics. The lady is a showman.

"I call it 'Designer Duck," she said of the piece de la resistance, the menu for which happens to be in her latest book, "The Way to Cook." Many of the students had the book to get her autograph.

Dressed in a white coat and apron, a towel draped at her waist, Whitmer at her side, two female sous-chefs of Highlands in attendance, she was ready to begin. It was a bit like watching a famous brain surgeon ordering her helpers to snap to.

"Brian," she said, "I'll have that raw duck."

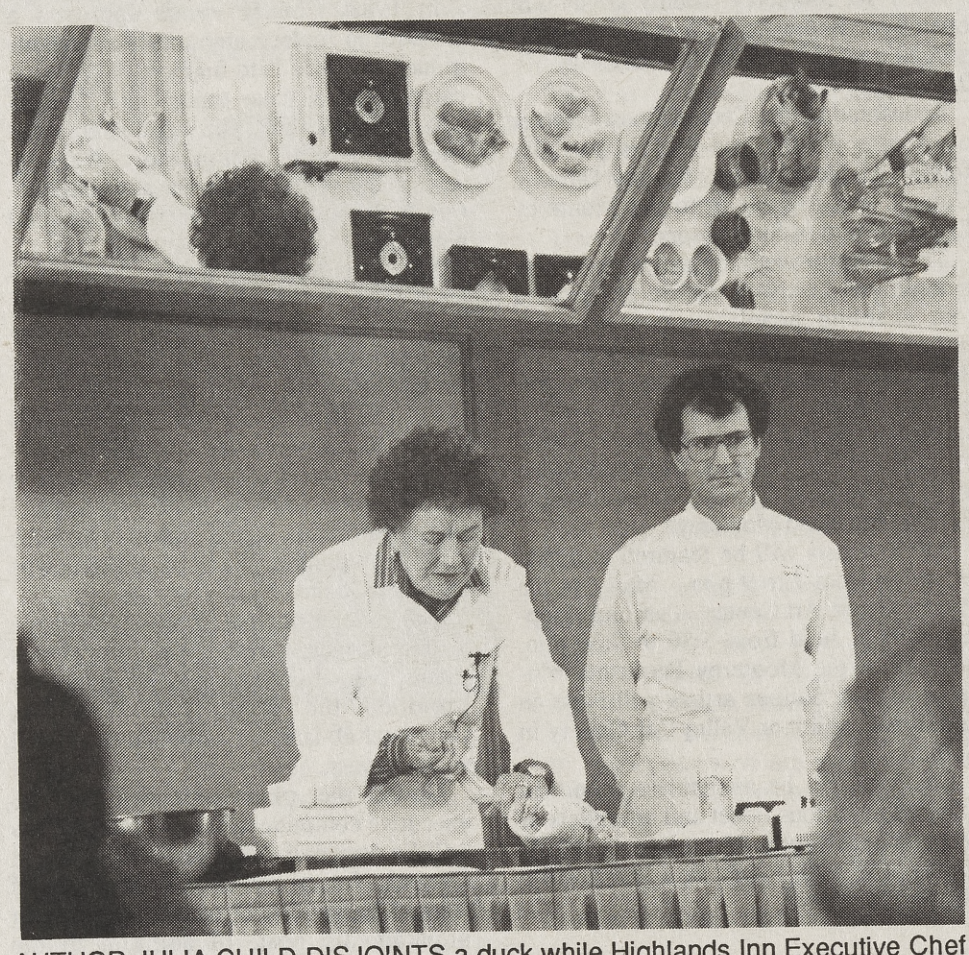
Manhandling the bird with a knife, breaking its leg joint by sheer force, and finally just whacking it off with the knife, she explained with a droll smile, "Everything in a duck is a bit recalcitrant. Ducks are very difficult. You have the fat problem and it's a very fatty fat."

"You don't think you look like a chicken but you're built exactly the same way."

Demonstrating how to dissect a bird, she said, "It's just like us. You don't think you look like a chicken but you're built exactly the same way."

Anyone who had enjoyed her PBS Television series, "The French Chef," would have felt right at home. The modus operandi is to have two of everything. A raw duck, for example, is on stage so she can demonstrate how to disjoint it. A partially cooked duck was waiting in the wings for a later part of the demonstration.

Ms. Child quickly had all the fat out of the bird and much of the skin chopped up to go into a 350 degree oven for half an hour to produce cracklings.



AUTHOR JULIA CHILD DISJOINTS a duck while Highlands Inn Executive Chef Brian Whitmer looks on during a demonstration at the 4th Annual Masters of Food & Wine. The overhead mirrors give the audience a good look at her techniques. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall.*

"We're going to use every part of the duck, including the skin. It goes into the stock," she said. The cracklings which smelled delicious as they rendered their fat in the oven were to be sprinkled on salad.

"As you'll notice, I'm not doing diet recipes here," said the author of "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," who then proceeded to deliver a small lecture on food fads today.

"We're going through a very difficult period of 'Fear of Food,'" she said. "We're getting our information from the likes of Harper's Bazaar and the TV. They feed on 'Fear of Food'. It makes good copy.

"One third of your calories should be fat or else you don't process your vitamins. It's very bad if you don't. If you gave up all fats, in about two years, your body would go bad."

With six quarter-pound sticks of butter piled in front of her, Ms. Child told the audience how they could enjoy the pleasures of butter and still only have one-third of their daily 1,800 calories be fat.

"Six hundred of those calories can be duck fat, butter, marbled beef," she grinned. "So enjoy it. Savor it."

Admonishing the class to be sure they kept the dough cold when preparing puff pastry, she said if the weather was warm you needed to put it in the refrigerator for about 20 minutes to keep cool.

"Of course, you don't need to worry about warm weather in Carmel," she quipped, glancing out the window at the cold gray sky over the ocean.

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Working with the butter to make a rich puff pastry for the day's dessert item, she explained it was "no good if you make it with the 'other spread.' Just don't bother."

Known for throwing salt and pepper around, dribbling wine, and occasionally even having an entire dish crash to the floor, Ms. Child hasn't changed. Knocking some flour to the floor, she laughingly recalled a letter from a mother of a young child who wrote that she was very distressed "to see how messy you are" when the cook was doing her TV series.

"I explained that I had a self-cleaning floor and, you know, a number of people wrote in to ask where they could get one."

With the pastry half done, and the room redolent with the smell of duck, she decided to demonstrate how to toss off an elegant little pear tart. Ordering some sugar from Chef Whitmer, she sprinkled it over the pears and then suddenly sniffed, "Brian. Are you sure this is sugar? I think it's salt."

"I explained that I had a self-cleaning floor and, you know, a number of people wrote in to ask where they could get one."

Dipping her fingers in for a taste, she spat out, "It is salt."

The tall, bespectacled, chef of the prestigious Highlands Inn, blushed crimson at his mistake. Or was it a mistake?

A Julia Child devotee who sat next to me thought it might have all just been part of the show.

In any event, Julia remained unflappable even when she brought the pear tart out of the oven to find the edges were burned dark brown and the bottom wasn't done: "The pears aren't done but it doesn't matter because they're all full of salt."

"You'll all think this is the 'Perils of Pauline' in the kitchen," she chuckled heartily. And so to lunch.

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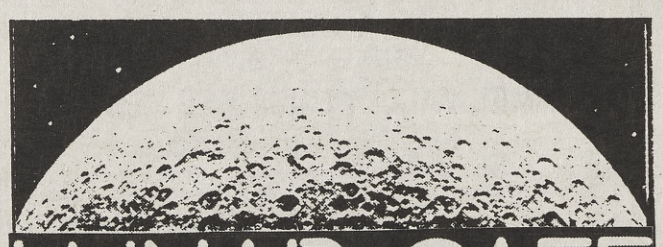

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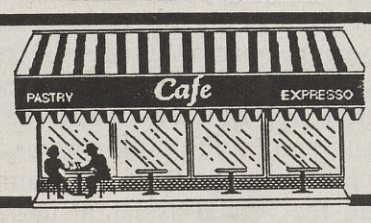

Ventana

Probably the closest thing to enjoying a meal on the sunny South Coast of France overlooking the Mediterranean is a visit to Ventana at Big Sur.

This rustic resort 1,200 feet above the Pacific has a huge outdoor eating area that makes lunch an experience. Even waiting for a table is pleasurable if you enjoy an aperitif in the sun and lazily watch the ocean far below or the cliffs towering still higher behind you where cows graze on the highest ridgetops.

Waiting is often on the menu here. Ventana, perhaps more than any other local eatery, illustrates the problems of the restaurateur. How can you ever predict whether you'll have 20 people stop by on any given day or 200? As one of only a few dining rooms on the 74-mile coastal stretch of Highway 1, Ventana does not take reservations at lunch except for groups of eight or more, so you take your chances. But, even if you have to wait, it is worth it.

My Friend gets cravings for the oak grilled skirt steak, a marinated cut that is stringier than better cuts of beef but 10 times tastier. It is served with hot flour tortillas, refried beans, salsa and guacomole, a substantial meal.

I am partial to the smoked half trout with vinaigrette dressing which is actually an appetizer. The curried chicken and melon salad topped with rice noodles, red bell peppers and snow peas is also a taste treat with its fresh napa cabbage, water chestnuts and peanuts perked up with a tahini dressing on a bed of baby spinach.

If you want to emphasize the Medditeranean feeling, try the Nicoise salad, a French invention. Ventana's is different, of course. It features the cold poached fish of the day--salmon on a recent visit with delectable tiny nicoise olives, potatoes, tiny corn, eggplant, hardboiled egg slices and other garnishes but very little lettuce.

Lunching with five friends, three of us chose the Nicoise Salad, two the skirt steak and one friend ate the giant Mexican calamari steak which is rich with herb and lemon butter sauce on rice.

VENTANA'S PATIO is a popular lunch spot.

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

It was sweet and tender. The maverick calamari diner also chose the only dessert, an intensely chocolate torte with raspberry sauce and whipped cream. Just a taste was satisfying as he generously shared it.

Ventana has a huge kitchen which shares the cathedral ceilinged, rustic cedar and redwood dining room but the chefs work behind a tall counter so you really only get to see their white hats. They are proud of their house-smoked fish and use the oak grill for all their dishes. They used to make their own bread but now buy from Monterey Baking Co., supplier to many of the peninsula's finest restaurants.

While lunch is clearly the meal of choice here for me, MF and I remembered an outstanding dinner several years ago when we were weekend guests at the resort. So we paid another visit on Sunday night to try it again when the dining room was fully booked on Saturday.

Sunday is obviously a quiet night as resort guests have headed home. My duck with kiwi and Midori sauce had been roasted and then grilled and was as tender and tasty as any I've had out recently but the wild rice pancake was dry and the accompanying vegetables were mundane except for the crispy corn kernels. That night's pasta appetizer, however, was outstanding: a vegetable ravioli with a roasted yellow bell pepper and asiago cheese sauce.

MF had a beautifully cooked salmon with hollandaise perked up with jalapeno and cilantro, interesting but not spicy. Another friend raved over his grilled rib eye of beef and twice-baked potato. He had started with succulent Long Island bluepoint oysters on the half shell served with a spicy vinaigrette sauce, an interesting change to the usual horseradish-cocktail sauce. Coming from the midwest, he thought nothing

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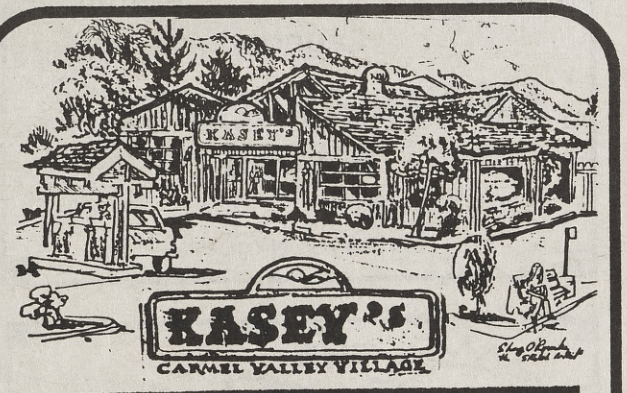

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Out And About

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a little girl's dog got swept off the walk by the wind and how the lightstation keepers had to tether their lone cow and even their chickens when the wind got up. (Many of us wondered if there was ever *not* any wind).

Climbing still further up the rock to the actual dwellings of these hardy souls, we were shown a tiny patch of land in front of the main house, all they had for gardens and flowers and a little green space for children to play. The dirt for the plot had to be carried up the rock.

Making sure the children had schooling was extremely difficult. Until 1927, they would stay with families on nearby ranches and go home to the lightstation on weekends, or would live with relatives. In 1927, head keeper William Mollering asked the school district to provide a teacher at Point Sur but he was given a quota of at least six students. As a result, his son began school a year early.

One of the docents told of his grandfather who had served as Fourth Assistant Keeper and how his father had been born there. He recalled stories about the living quarters where the head keeper lived on the ground floor, the second assistant on the second floor, the third assistant on the third floor and the fourth assistant under the eaves. Members of each family who lived on the top floors had to pass through the living quarters of the lower floors to get home at night.

We marveled at the jawbone and skull of a blue whale, the largest creature on earth, stretched out on the rock after having been beached at Point Sur as the Cetacean Society docent told us of these huge creatures and how thrilling it was to see the water spray 30 to 40 feet in the air from their spouts.

The tour ended about 12:15 p.m., just in time for lunch. The majestic lighthouses of the past have been doomed by modern technology. This is a rare opportunity to see a glimpse of another era. Call 625-4419 for information.

Let's Eat Out

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about eating oysters from the Atlantic in a restaurant on the Pacific but expected they would be from Washington State this time of year.

I talked our friend into having dessert so I could taste it. He polished off a moist and tender chocolate cake with rich, dark chocolate frosting served with tangy candied orange peel and a delicate orange sauce. Ventana serves strong French Roast coffee, the perfect finish to a meal.

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Sorry, Tony

Tony Tollner is the head man at Carmel's popular Rio Grill, of course—not Tony Talbert as the *Sun* erroneously reported in its Feb. 7 Let's Eat Out column.

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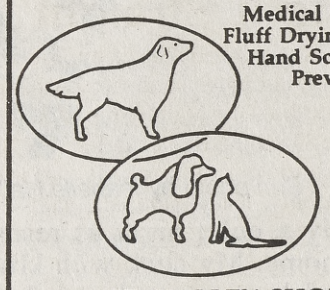

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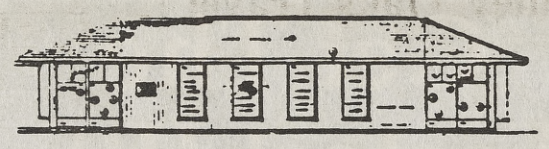

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Yesteryears

By Elizabeth Barratt

Memories of Robert Louis Stevenson

A 1950's taped interview with Boronda family descendant Emma Ambrosia revealed that, as a young girl, she had been acquainted with author Robert Louis Stevenson.

Stevenson had lived in Monterey for a few months in 1879, arriving August 31 and leaving December of that year. he'd come to find the lady of his dreams, Fanny Osbourne, a married woman, ten years his senior, who had two children. Stevenson and Osbourne had had a previous love affair in Paris. Hearing that she was suffering from a nervous disorder and living in Monterey separated from her husband, he'd come to seek her out.

Stevenson was ill and poor. At first, he stayed in a room at a boarding house run by Rosanna Leese, located next to the Larkin House. He spent time with Fanny, and he wrote. He often took meals at Simoneau's Restaurant, where he became great friends with proprietor, Jules Simoneau.

Stevenson moved several times while in Monterey, one place on Houston Street, the French Hotel, was run by Madame Girardin. Today, it's known as the Stevenson House and run by the State of California.

Mrs. Ambrosia recalled when, at about the age of nine, she was disturbing Stevenson by running and sliding in a hallway with a new pair of squeeky shoes. She relates, "That was at the Leese's. It was between the Larkin House and the Sherman Adobe. It was a two-story house. My grandmother used to come to visit the old lady Leese. They didn't want me to listen to the conversation so they put me out. Of course, I'd go in and...this place was built with rooms to rent. Some overnight and some would stay there, like Stevenson.

"He had the south side and it was a very pleasant room. Well, I'd get upstairs and run up and down the hall amusing myself. He'd come to the door and say, 'Little girl, don't do that so much. Go downstairs and play out in the yard.' I'd say, 'All Right.'

"He'd bring me a piece of candy. After I'd finished that, I'd go up again."

Here, Mrs. Ambrosia departs from the established historical account regarding Stevenson's stay at the French Hotel:

"People say he used to live at what they call the Stevenson House. He never lived there. Simoneau had a barroom there and he used to go there and talk to Simoneau and whoever was there and spend the day. Simoneau would serve meals for anyone who wanted one there...it was the Girardin Home. I don't know why they got to calling it the Stevenson House, just because he went there for a drink of beer or a drink of whiskey. "

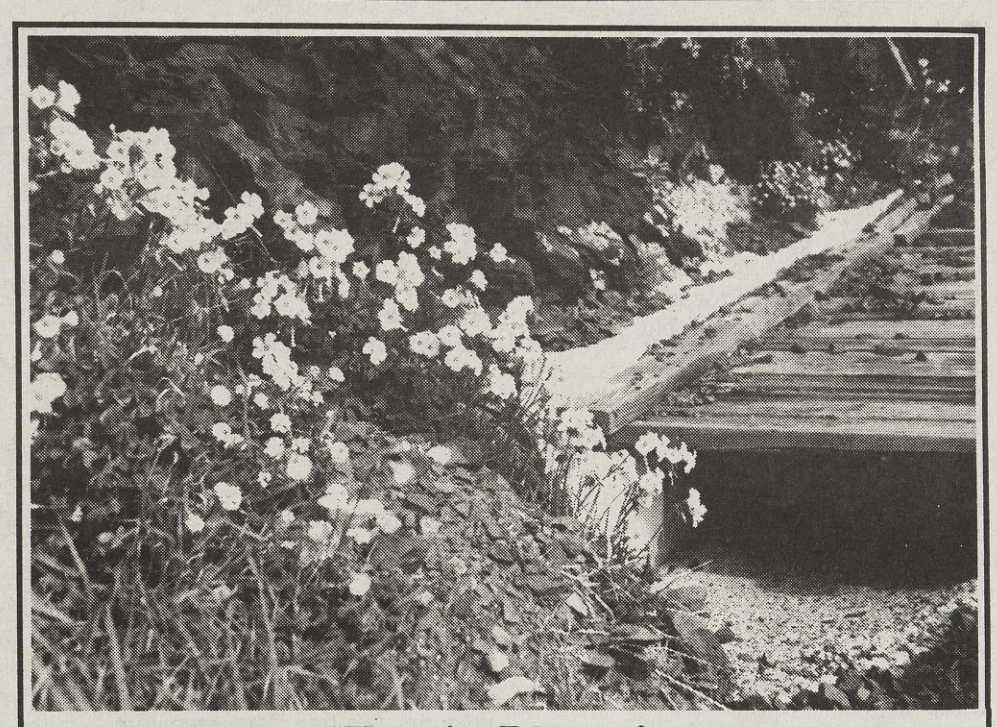
Historians will probably disagree with Mrs. Ambrosia's account, but it makes for interesting contrast to what the books have recorded. She continued her recollections of Stevenson:

"They say he came to Monterey for his health. I don't know because he didn't go out every day. I know this because Mrs. Leese used to want to see my grandmother. They were very companionable. They'd send me out when they wanted to talk secrets and of course I had to entertain myself.

"That's how I got to meet Stevenson. He looked drawn, he looked thin. He didn't look like a healthy man. He had a nice voice. When he talked to me, he talked very low, maybe a bit formal. He was a sick man...he always wanted quiet because he was writing.

"The last time I saw him he told me that he was going away and probably wouldn't come back to Monterey any more. I understand that he did come back but I never saw him again."

During his four-month Monterey visit, Robert Louis Stevenson spent a few fateful days and nights in Carmel Valley. He was out camping when the weather changed and the severe cold left him too sick to move. He thought he was going to die. He was found by retired sea captain Jonathan Wright, who took Stevenson to his cabin on the Rancho San Carlos. Along with Anson Smith, who shared the property, Wright brought Stevenson back to health so that he was able to return to Monterey. Remnants of the cabin still stand today.



What's Blooming

OXALIS *(O. pes-caprae)* Bermuda Buttercup. The brilliant pale yellow flowers atop clusters of bright green cloverlike leaves are everywhere you look right now, lining the roadsides after recent rains, or sprouting out of rocks. Stems rise up to 12 inches long topped with clusters of the inch-wide blossoms. An attractive plant, it is recommended for pot growth because it spreads rapidly by rhizomes and bulbs and can become an invasive pest in the garden

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall.

Setting It Straight

Reader Katie Coburn, who raises flowers commercially with her husband near the mouth of the Valley, reported the *Sun* misidentified the flower in its Feb. 21 What's Blooming photo. It wasn't Montbretia but Chasmanthe, she said—a very common mistake, important mainly because Chasmanthe blooms in the spring, not the summer, and therefore is more tolerant of the area's dry summer weather.

Editor's Note: "Yesteryears," a column about local history, is written under the auspices of the Carmel Valley History Society. The group meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Rosie's Cracker Barrel on Esquiline Road. The public is welcome.

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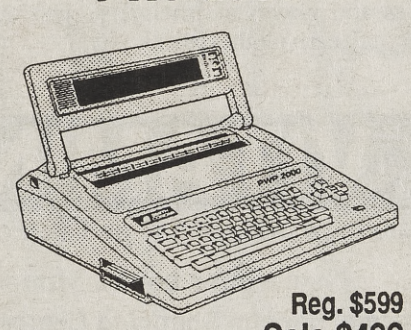

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Picturing Will...*Ann Beattie*
The Adventures of Goodnight & Loving...Leslie Thomas
Mary Reilly...Valerie Martin

We are very pleased to welcome Gail O'Brien as the new Carmel Valley Branch Librarian. Gail will be on board fulltime in a couple of weeks time and we invite you to come in and meet her. Myra Kong bids a fond farewell to all to all those she has met during her Valley sojourn.

We are holding John Barleycorn by Jack London for the patron whose name & number we misplaced. Please call or stop in for your book!

IRS & FTB forms are available to take or to copy. Library Hours: Tuesdays 11-8 p.m., Wednesdays & Fridays 10-6 p.m., Thursdays 2-6 p.m., Saturdays 10-5 p.m.

Pre-School Storytime with Betty Loring is held on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Betty Loring does a wonderful job of sharing stories with children ages three and up during this free 1/ hour program.

This month's art exhibit consists of watercolors by Isabelle Hall, co-publisher of the Carmel Valley *Sun*.

NEW BABIES

Alexandra Lenore Heiskell, a daughter, born to **Donald and Janice Heiskell**, Carmel Valley, Feb. 7.

Shane Elmachtoub, a son, born to **Nassir and Candice Elmachtoub,** Carmel, Feb. 10.

Wilson Hunter Deane, a son, born to **Robert Dudley and Barby Deane,** Pacific Grove, Feb. 13.

Joseph John McCloskey, a son, born to **Robert Miles and Judy Lynn McCloskey**, Carmel, Feb. 1.

Haley Lynn Maggini, a daughter, born to **Dana and Greg Maggini,** Carmel, Jan. 30.

Andrew Joseph Russo, a son, born to **Cherise and Andrew Russo**, Carmel Valley, Jan. 29.

Donald Zack Sherman, a son, born to **Jodi and Ted Sherman,** Carmel Valley, Jan. 12.

Kaelyn Renae Magee, a daughter, born to **Teresa and Lea Magee**, Carmel, Jan. 16.

Adam Nathan Ingram, a son, born to **Deborah Lynn Deitman and John Francis Ingram**, Carmel Valley, Jan. 17.

Brita Jean Sigourney, a daughter, born to **Julie and Thad Sigourney**, Carmel, Jan. 17.

Well Meter Rule Advances

The water management district has given tentative approval to a requirement that about 25 large private wells, most of them in the Carmel River aquifer, must be fitted with production meters.

The board of directors adopted the first reading of a proposed ordinance on Feb. 26 and set March 12 for a second and final reading.

Wells on parcels containing more than 2.5 acres which historically produce more than 20-acre-feet of water a year would be affected by the ruling. The owners of the wells would have to pay for and install the meters and report usage annually.

In the past, production from those wells has been calculated based on the electrical power the pumps use, but this is not as accurate as measuring production.

In the 1986-87 water year, large wells in Carmel Valley were calculated to have produced some 10 percent of all the water used in the water management district. These wells include those used for irrigating golf courses and six used for agricultural irrigation.

St. Dunstan's Rummage Sale

St. Dunstan's Church will hold its annual rummage sale March 17, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall, Robinson Canyon Road, Mid-Carmel Valley. Proceeds from the sale of clothing, books, household items, treasures and trivia, will benefit such local charities as the C.V. Community Youth Center and Hospice.

More Letters

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Rhetorical Overkill

On the issue of mountain bikes in the local park (letters, Feb. 21) Michael Jones misstates the case in addition to his rhetorical overkill about elitist horse owners.

The largest group of trail users is neither bikers nor horsemen, but hikers. A significant number of hikers, including me, spoke at the park use meeting in opposition to permitting bike use on Garland park trails. This is not a bikers versus horsemen issue.

The issue is whether bikes are compatible with hikers and horses on steep mountain trails. Wherever it has been tried, including in Garland Park, it has been conclusively shown they are not. Sharing is not the solution to this problem: an alternative must be found. Otherwise the park budget will be devoted to enforcement of rules and to paying inflated damage claims.

Max Chaplin
Carmel Valley

Who's The Elitist?

Hey, hey, you local equine elitists! Did you realize how elite you were during the Great Storm of February when you were out there in hip boots and slickers, digging trenches to divert the floodwaters out of Old Dobbins' corral? How elite did you feel stapling visquine to what had been your barn roof or fighting headwinds to tarp your precious ton of hay? (And the mountain bikes snoozed snuggly in the garage...)

Yes, we elitist Carmel Valley horsepeople...We who are on 24-hour, 7-day call to feed, water, clean and doctor our glamorous steeds—how luxurious it is! We feed 20 pounds of hay at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. and receive 30 pounds of manure to remove in payment thereof. We have water troughs to scrub and fences to eternally repair and rebuild.

Our mighty steeds are more often than not elderly backyard pets who may have cost S500-S1,000 in their youth. Can they hold a candle to S1800, 18-gear mountain machines?

We elitists ride through Garland Park in washed-out Levi's and worn cowboy boots. No slick, skin-tight, Day-Glo biking pants (at S75 a pair) for us. No biking shoes and gloves and helmets—just our everyday barn clothes, thank you.

A good saddle costs between S350-S1000. It lasts a lifetime. It fits the horse; it fits the rider. We don't trade in a well-worn saddle because a flashier model is made. We don't trade in a well-loved horse because he needs more gears.

There are people who hike the land on foot, cherishing the earth beneath their feet, the birdsong in the air; there are others who ride horses, bringing nature to nature. And there are those who need rubber tires and chrome fenders and 60 mph capabilities to enhance their experience of the outdoors.

I can watch a hawk or a hummingbird afoot or astride. I cannot watch one while careening downhill on a mountain bike. If we are elitists it is because we would rather be greeted in the morning by a warm whinny than a cold fender. I think Bill Garland, had he lived, would be an elitist.

Judith A. Eisner
Carmel Valley

What is Going On?

I am not a long term resident of Carmel Valley. I moved here with my family in 1983 after some 25 years of travel across most of the globe. We decided to live here for several reasons, natural beauty, uncrowded conditions, friendly people, a great place to raise kids, all of the strong community ties, indicative of a place to be proud to call home.

I still travel extensively through the United States and am constantly fortified on the road by the knowledge that Carmel Valley will be there when I return.

Would someone out there please tell me what is going in our village? Has Kasey's opened a Manpower franchise? What are all these people doing there in the mornings? Has Cal Worthington opened a used car lot opposite? Is Union 76 operating a truck stop?

How come a community that will come unglued at the prospect of environmentally ugly issues, that will be incensed at misuse of mountain trails in Garland Park, who will come together and stage wonderful & colorful events for the benefit of all, put up with such a flagrant set of eyesores at the very center of our town?

There is obviously a need for commerce, labor and industry to thrive in our town. We must, however, be conscious of the consequences of turning blind eyes to such issues.

I am proud to live in the village. Is there anyone else out there?

Michael Collins
Carmel Valley

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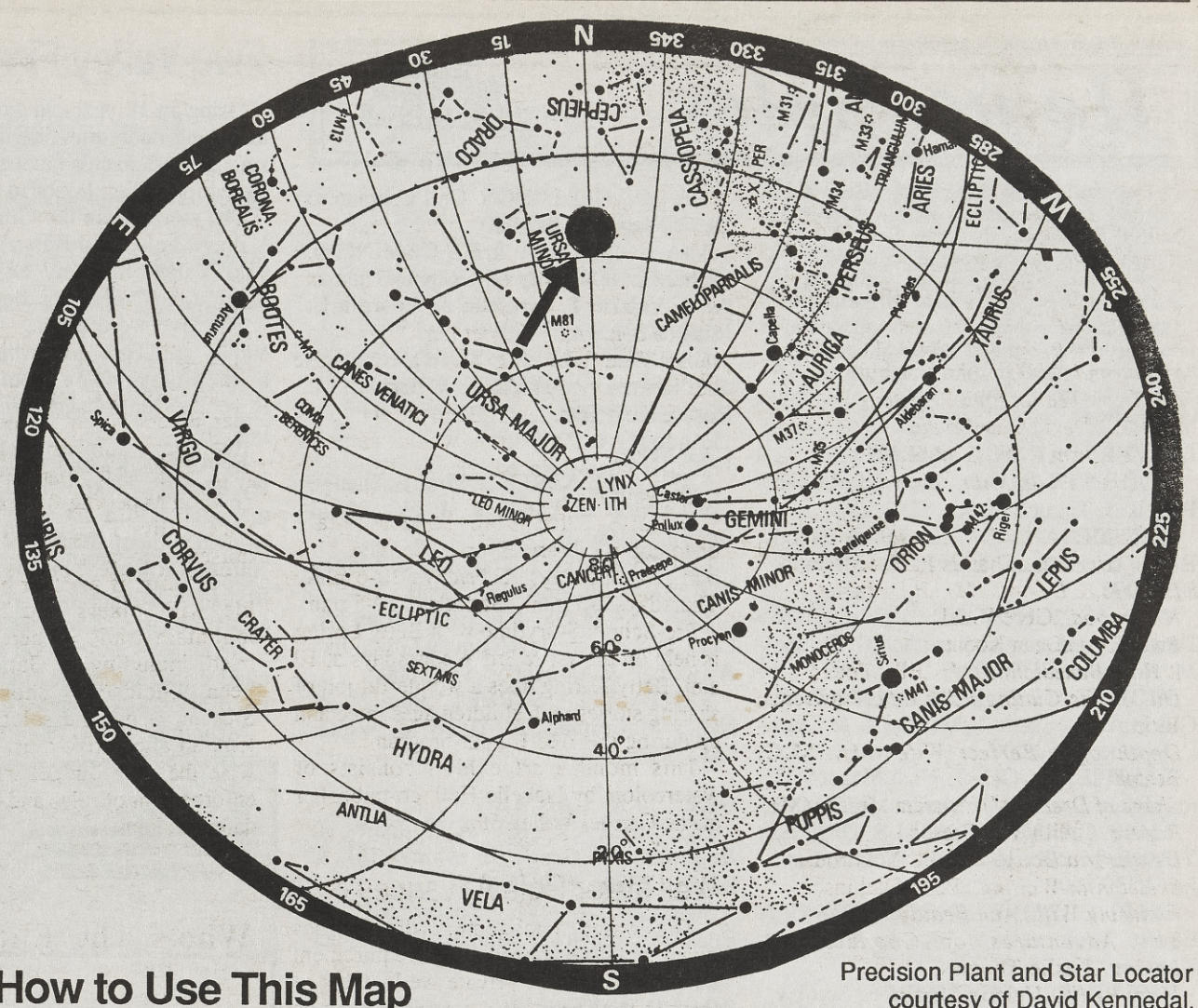
By Dr. Ana Torres-Dodgen
Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy

Astronomical Events from March 7 to April 6

Sun 11
— Full moon
Mon 12
— Venus is closest to Mars in the southeastern morning sky. You can also see Saturn nearby. Venus is the brightest planet, then Saturn and then Mars.
Sun 18
— The bright star Antares passes 0.2 degrees N of the moon.
Mon 19
— Moon at last quarter.
Tue 20
— Vernal Equinox, spring starts at 1:19 p.m.
Wed 21
— Jupiter's brightest moon Ganymede enters the planet's shadow at 4.28 p.m. and emerges at 7.39 p.m.
Thu 22
— At 5:15 a.m. you can see Venus, Mars, the Moon and Saturn in the southeastern sky, close to the horizon.
Mon 26
— New moon.
— Using binoculars in the early evening, try seeing the four largest moons of Jupiter.
Wed 28
— Ganymede in eclipse, from 8.28 p.m. to 11:40 p.m..
Sat 31
— Half an hour after sunset look for Mercury with your naked eye or with binoculars. It is 10 degrees N of the west and 13 degrees E of the sun, very close to the horizon.
Sun 1
— Daylight savings time, change clocks forward one hour.
Mon 2
— Moon at first quarter.

Until Jupiter sets around midnight, it is the brightest object in the sky. Look for it north of Orion. It has 16 moons now known. The four brightest are called the Galilean moons because they were discovered by Galileo in the 1600's. Many of the others were discovered by the Voyager I and II spacecrafts. If you look with good binoculars or a small telescope, you can see the Galilean moons move day to day. Sometimes you'll find that a moon or two are missing. They could be passing behind Jupiter (occultation) or they could be in the planet's shadow (eclipse).



Precision Plant and Star Locator courtesy of David Kennedal.

How to Use This Map

This is a map of the sky for March between 9 and 10 p.m. It's very easy to read once you learn how. First, locate the North Star (Polaris) which is the big black dot in the top center of the map. Polaris is seen from Carmel Valley all year round and at all times, provided your view toward the north is not obstructed. To find Polaris, look for the Big Dipper and follow a straight line from the two pointer stars (see arrow). Polaris is fainter than the pointer stars. Or, if you find the Little Dipper first, Polaris will be the last star of its "handle."

Hold the map over your head, with "N" pointing to Polaris. Now the map looks just like the sky and you can find your way around! If you were wondering why east and west are inverted on the map, you'll' notice that when the map is over your head, east and west are in the right direction.

I recommend that you shine a red flashlight instead of a white one on the map, so that you don't ruin your night vision. Just cover your flashlight with red cellophane or tissue paper. With a little practice, you'll be able to read the map and find your way around the sky without having the map overhead. The biggest dots on the map are the brightest stars (except for Polaris).

Objects other than stars, which have an "M" designation, are better seen with binoculars; try seeing as many as you can. The most impressive on this map are the Orion Nebula, where stars are forming right now, the Pleiades (west of Jupiter), and the galaxies M33 and M31 (Andromeda) on the western sky.

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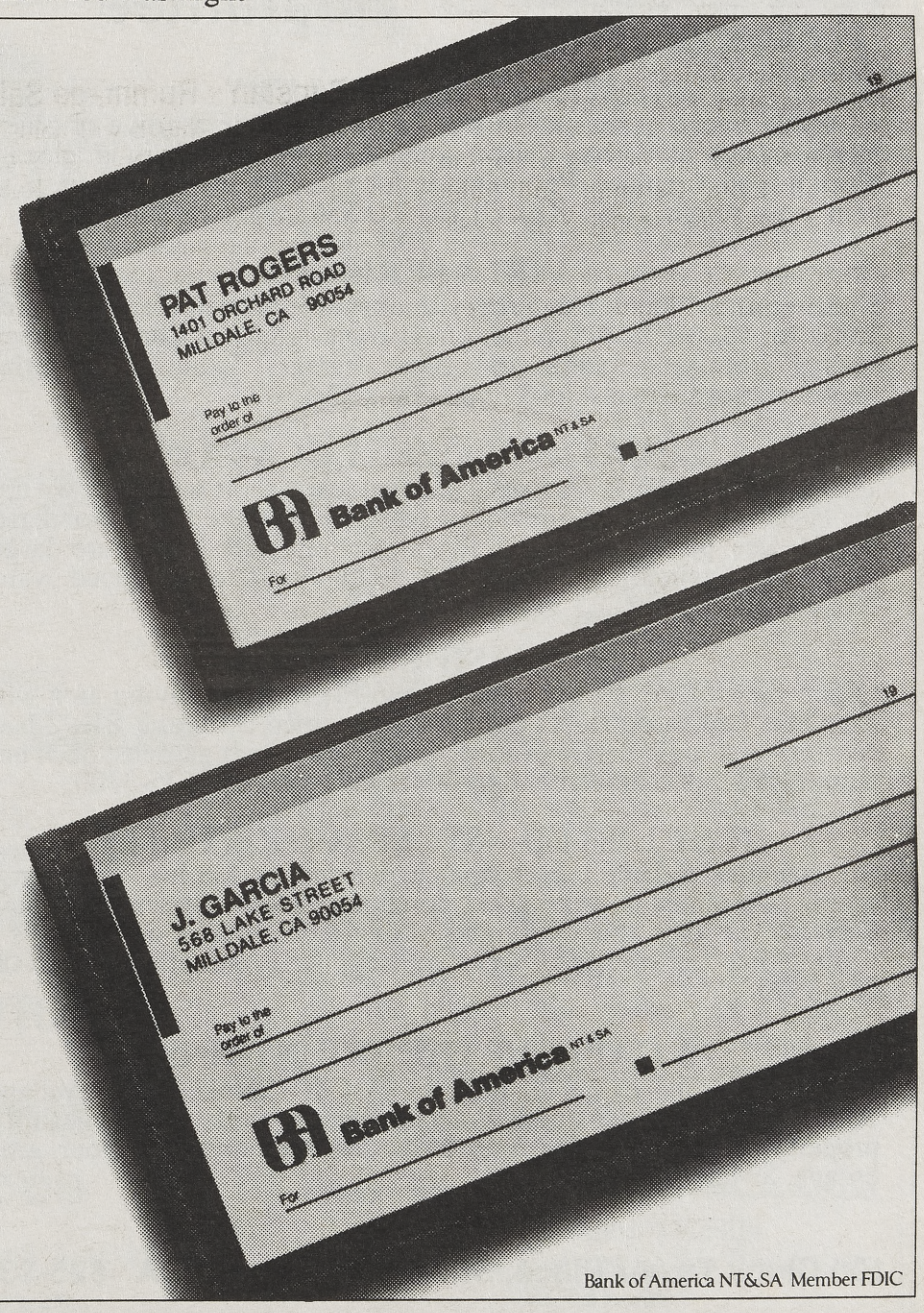

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The *Sun* makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

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HIDDEN MESA PLACE. John P. & Gloria A. Anastasia to George J. & Kyra P. Wayne. $950,000.

EASTFIELD COURT. High Meadow II to Edward J. & Mary Flanagan. $495,000.

25440 CARMEL KNOLLS DRIVE. Yolanda Mocker to Equity Preservation, Inc. $330,500.

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Five Valley Firms Caught in Alcohol Sale Sting

Using an 18-year-old woman as a decoy in a sting operation, sheriffs deputies and state alcohol agents have cited five Valley stores for selling liquor to a minor.

The stores were the Grapevine, Carmel Valley Market and Kasey's in the Village, Mid Valley Safeway and Great Scott's Pizza at the Crossroads, deputies said.

The five were among 14 stores in the Valley and Toro area which were visited by the woman while deputies and Alcohol Beverage Control agents waited outside on Feb. 16.

Randy Randazzo, owner of Carmel Valley Market, acknowledged his assistant manager sold a six-pack of beer to the woman without checking her identification "through a lapse," but he said it was the first time in nearly 18 years that he had ever been charged with such an offense.

He said he understood stores that were cited either could be fined or have their liquor licenses suspended temporarily.

Meantime, it was reported that a similar sting operation conducted in south county about the same time resulted in even a higher percentage of citations being written against stores that were checked.

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The Monterey branch of Founders Title Co. says its closing of the sale of the 20,000-acre Rancho San Carlos in Carmel Valley is the largest land transaction in the history of Monterey County.

"The size of the ranch is greater than the combined size of all Monterey Peninsula cities," said branch manager Mickey Davi. "To our knowledge, the $70 million sale price is the largest land transaction in the history of Monterey County."

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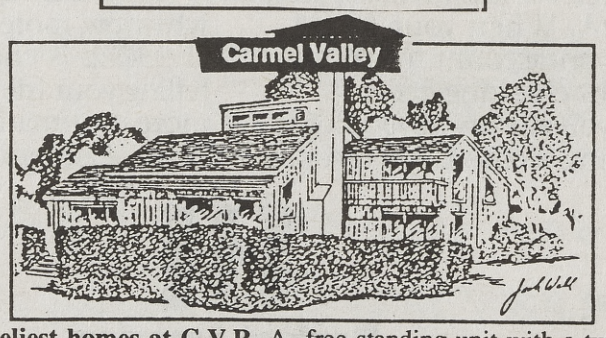

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Real Estate Outlook

Coldwell Banker's Joan Concilla Says Carmel Real Estate Market Influenced by Out-of-Town Buyers

The Carmel area residential real estate market is heavily influenced by out-of-town buyers who often pay cash, Joan Concilla, manager of the Carmel Coldwell Banker Real Estate Co. office, told the *Sun* in a wide-ranging interview.

She painted an upbeat picture of the Greater Carmel and Monterey markets as she sees them from the perspective of having lived here and managed a top office since May, 1989.

Compared to her previous assignment in the Bay Area, Mrs. Concilla said, "I see this market as having a greater percentage of buyers who just come in and pay cash. They've made their fortunes and are getting closer to retirement. The tax advantages of a mortgage are no longer a factor. Most people are working with tax estate planners. They're flexible. What they do is more determined by their investment strategy than anything else."

Mrs. Concilla said she considers "all of California a world market in real estate and particularly the prime locations like the Monterey Peninsula."

"No matter where you travel people have heard of Carmel. It's recognized like San Francisco around the world. International buyers are a small percentage at this time but we will see them coming here from every country in the world.

"It's a known fact that when people tour an area and like it, they tend to buy property there. We get people who are maybe five years down the road from retirement.

JOAN CONCILLA

They want to buy a home now that is a short term second home for future retirement."

The Monterey Peninsula is also attracting "middle-aged executive types," according to Mrs. Concilla, "People who may have three or four homes and one of them will be on the Monterey Peninsula.

"People in the driving range area love to have a weekend home here. It is a diverse buying market and, consequently, not as seasonal as some of the Bay area real estate markets. The peaks and valleys are not as high. It is a steady market."

She cited Carmel Board of Realtors Multiple Listing statistics in answer to a question about how long the average property stays on the market here from the time it is reported listed until it is reported closed and at what price:

- Carmel Valley: 140 days at an average price of $393,000.
- Carmel: 123 days at an average price of $524,000.
- Pebble Beach: 158 days at an average price of $714,000.

The figures cover a one-year period from February, 1989, to February, 1990.

"I call it a Ferrari market," the enthusiastic Realtor remarked. "There is always a market for a beautiful Ferrari or a diamond just as there is always a market for property in a beautiful area. Our market strategies are keyed to this."

"A lot of tourists come through our open houses and we love it," she explained with a big smile, "Those 'lookers,' as we call them, will eventually be here to buy."

In Mrs. Concilla's opinion, this is "a great time to be borrowing money. Lenders can match the borrowers' needs—low initial payments, less points, or fixed payments with a variety of terms. The tax laws are still in place to provide credit for interest on second homes. It's a very flexible lending market. A lot of people go into variable rate mortgages knowing they'll switch to a fixed rate. Right now, interest rates are a bargain, especially when compared to some of the 1980's."

At the moment, she considers the local market "healthy." Asked about the effect of drought and resultant growth restrictions on building, she replied:

"If you restrict growth and development in real estate and the demand continues to grow that means prices will rise for properties already available. Our prime property should continue to rise in value."

Although such factors as the possible closing of Ft. Ord could hurt in the short range, she doesn't see that as having an overall adverse impact. "Such prime real estate as that could wind up bringing even more money into the area" than the military, she explained.

In addition to out-of-area buyers, Mrs. Concilla said others who make up the buyer profile here include: the local resident who is an empty nester wanting to sell a large home and buy a condo or townhome—"this has been a notoriously slow market in other parts of the country but not here;" singles buyers; a few transferees, almost all of them military; and a few first time buyers, many of whom are "forced to accept family help."

The Mouth of the Valley Coldwell Banker office gets a "fairly steady" flow of relocation calls from other parts of the nation and the world and was the top office in sales production per agent for the Monterey-Metro Region West in 1989, the manager said.

Pebble Beach Co. Donates Furniture

Pebble Beach Co. has donated $20,500 worth of furniture and bedding to the Salvation Army. The company said the donation brought its contributions to various relief agencies to $95,350 since the Oct. 17 earthquake.

Judges Meet the Public March 9 to Discuss Courts

Monterey County judges will step down from the bench March 9 to discuss issues involving local courts and the judiciary with the public.

One of 60 such "Meet Your Judges Forums" being held across the state, the County session will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Hartnell College in Salinas.

The program is free and designed to allow the public the opportunity to question the jurists about their roles and how the judicial system works. The local forum is sponsored by the Monterey County Bar Association, Monterey County Young Lawyers Association and Hartnell College. For more information, call 755-6800.

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"THE RISE AND RISE OF DANIEL ROCKET," Main Stage, Monterey Peninsula College, March 8-31. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. General Admission $12, Reservations 646-4213 or 649-5561.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING for a Monterey Peninsula Branch of the American Heart Association, 5:30 p.m. March 8, Nutrition Health Link, Monterey. 372-0485.

14TH ANNUAL CARMEL MUSIC SOCIETY annual competition and awards concert, Sunset Center, March 10, 10 a.m. competition and 8 p.m. awards concert. 625-9938.

UKIYO-E DEMONSTRATION by Katherine McKay, Oriental Art Society of the Monterey Peninsula, March 13, 7:30 p.m., Crossroads Room, Carmel. 624-1437.

SOLOIST KATHLEEN KNIGHT, Sunday Afternoon Recital Series, Carmel Valley Community Church, March 11, 3 p.m.

SERRA'S RUN, 10 kilometer race and kid's 1 mile run (12 and under) March 10, 9 a.m., Carmel Mission. Registration $12, $10 and $5 with proceeds benefitting Junipero Serra School. 375-2661.

CANADIAN AUTHOR-STORYTELLER Barker Lottridge will sign her new book, "The Name of the Tree," at Thunderbird for Kids, March 20, 2-4 p.m. 624-4995.

CHARDONNAY BARREL Tasting Dinner, March 17, Monterey Plaza Hotel, sponsored by the Monterey Wine Country Associates. $75 a person. 372-2259.

MARK EATON OF BEGONIA GARDENS, "Not So Common Drought-Resistant Plants for Carmel Valley," Carmel Valley Garden Association, March 8, St. Dunstan's Church, 8 p.m. 659-4637 or 899-3105.

MONTEREY PENINSULA OLDER WOMENS LEAGUE, Monterey Public Library, March 19, noon-2 p.m.

MONTEREY BAY CAGE BIRD Club, March 10, 10 a.m., Hilltop Center, 871 Jesse, New Monterey. 753-2846 or 730-2210.

"THE OLD MAID AND THE THIEF," Monterey Opera Association, held over March 8, 9 and 10, 8:15 p.m. Mission Ranch Theater Barn. $10. 649-5561.

DR. RANIER DIMTER, lecture in French with simultaneous translation, French Alliance of the Monterey Peninsula, March 12, 5:30 p.m. SFB Morse Auditorium, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey. 375-1801,

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CARMEL VALLEY GEM and Mineral Society, March 9, 7:30 p.m. Community Room, Crossroads. 372-9215.

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD, March 12, 9:30-noon, Community Room, Crossroads. $2 kit fee. 375-4986.

Business Briefs

Nancy's Flowers opened at 13 W. Carmel Valley Road in the Village on March 1, featuring roses, tulips, carnations, many cut flowers and some potted plants. Owners are **Nancy Cho** and her husband, **Danny.**

Francis Pastor has opened **MARBELIFE of Monterey-San Benito** in Seaside. The firm offers specialized treatment for the preservation and restoration of old and new marble.

Monterey County has $300,000 from the **Inclusionary Housing Fund** available to developers of affordable housing projects. The money comes from a County ordinance which requires developers who do not include low-cost housing in their project to pay fees to the county. The deadline for applying for these funds is April 12, and more information is available from **Frank Brunings,** County housing coordinator, at 755-5025.

Because of the prolonged drought, the **U. S. Forest Service** said it will cut back the length of the grazing season on public lands within Los Padres National Forest this year and in some cases reduce the number of livestock allowed to graze. **Ranger Keith Gunther** of the Santa Lucia district, where most grazing takes place said, the service is now trying to leave 1,000 pounds of vegetation residue on each acre to help eliminate erosion and charges of overgrazing. In the past, the service tried to maintain 750 pounds of residue, he said.

Cornish & Carey Real Estate has moved two doors north, to 26385 Carmel Rancho Boulevard. Vice President **Ben Heinrich** said the move to new quarters gives the company more than 5,000 square feet of office space on two floors of the building.

The Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and Visitors & Convention Bureau has set April 26 for its 1990 Spring Trade Fair and Business Mixer at the Monterey Conference Center. It will run from 4:30 to 8 p.m. and feature 120 peninsula businesses.

AUDITIONS, MPC THEATER Company, for "Evita," "Sunday in the Park with George," and "Harvey," March 10 and 11, 11 a.m. MPC Dance Studio. 646-4209.

Caltrans Plans "Trash-Off" Day

Along with other state highway departments, Caltrans is enlisting volunteer support for the "Great American Trash-Off" on March 31, challenging civic and volunteer groups to help clean up the trash along the state's roads and highways.

"Our goal is to have at least 600 Adopt-A-Highway groups enlisted to participate..." said Caltrans Director Robert K. Best. Groups adopting a stretch of highway are urged not only to pick up trash, but to plant flowers and trees.

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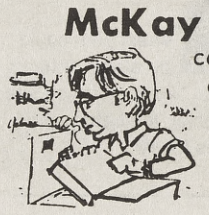

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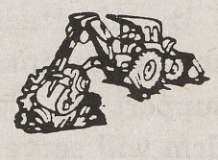

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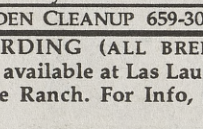

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Two Valley Women Honored

Two Carmel Valley women have been selected by the Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women to be honored at a special ceremony at Hartnell College in Salinas March 25. They are:

—Barbara Nelson, named one of nine 1990 Outstanding Women In Monterey County. The award is given women who perform outstanding service in the areas of women's issues and concerns.

—Mary Lou Berta, named one of four Trailblazers. This award recognizes women who worked all of their lives for the betterment of others.

The awards program—a part of women's history month—starts at 2 p.m. It is free to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Ms. Nelson was cited for her 25 years of volunteer work for Planned Parenthood, in Monterey County, Arizona and Palo Alto. She helped organize the Reproductive Rights Coalition of Monterey County and co-chairs it.

A member of Zero Population Growth, she also does volunteer work with the Monterey SPCA and the Carmel Chapter of the Red Cross.

Ms. Berta was recognized for her 22 years of work with dyslexic children and adults and others with reading disabilities. She taught at two private schools, working with students with reading difficulties until she "retired" and formed her tutoring service, Reading for Life.

A county resident for 40 years, she is a member of the board of the Central California Branch of the Orton Dyslexia Society.

Others named women of the year were Mary Barajas, King City; Mattye E. Blakeney, Seaside; Morley Brown, Carmel; Relita B. Dalit-Pierson, Seaside; Dr. June Dunbar Phillips, Salinas; Nancy McClintock, Seaside and Betsy Martin Tumelson, Monterey. Others honored as trailblazers were Adele O'Grady, Salinas, and Sally Judd Griffin and Grace Donlin, both deceased.

County Measles Jump Worries Authorities

Reflecting a resurgence of the disease in the state and around the country, nine cases of measles have been documented in Monterey County this year—the same number that was reported in all of 1989.

Dr. Richard Tezak, chief of preventive medicine in the County Health Department, said cases were occurring mainly among low-income groups. He said Salinas had reported most of the them, while Castroville and Pajaro had a few.

While none have been reported on the Peninsula or in Carmel Valley as of Feb. 26, Dr. Tezak said measles is one of the most contagious of all communicable diseases and could easily spread to those areas if infected individuals visit them.

He said people with measles are often not ill enough to stay at home or recognize that they have the measles until a rash appears several days after they are infected.

David Donenfeld, an epidemioloist with the County health department, said people born before 1957 were assumed to have a natural immunity to the disease from having once had measles. Those who were vaccinated between 1957 and 1980 might be wise to take a booster shot, he said, explaining that the earlier vaccine was not as effective as those available today. Anyone vaccinated after 1980 should be protected from measles, Donenfeld said.

Dr. Tezak said prior to 1989 an average of only two cases of measles a year was reported in Monterey County. He said the upsurge locally was tied to an increase in the disease around the country and in the state, especially in Los Angeles and Fresno.

He said nearly 3,000 cases were reported in the state in 1989 and there were 17 deaths.

Today's vaccines were effective against the disease, but because of budget cutbacks, free or low-cost immunization was not widely available in the state or county, he explained.

Rains Totals 3/4 Inch

Blustery showers in early March dropped .79 of an inch of rain in the Village, bringing the total for the season to 9.82, weather observer Graham Matthews said. He said this compares with normal rainfall of 13.62 inches on March 7 and 8.43 that was recorded by that date last year.

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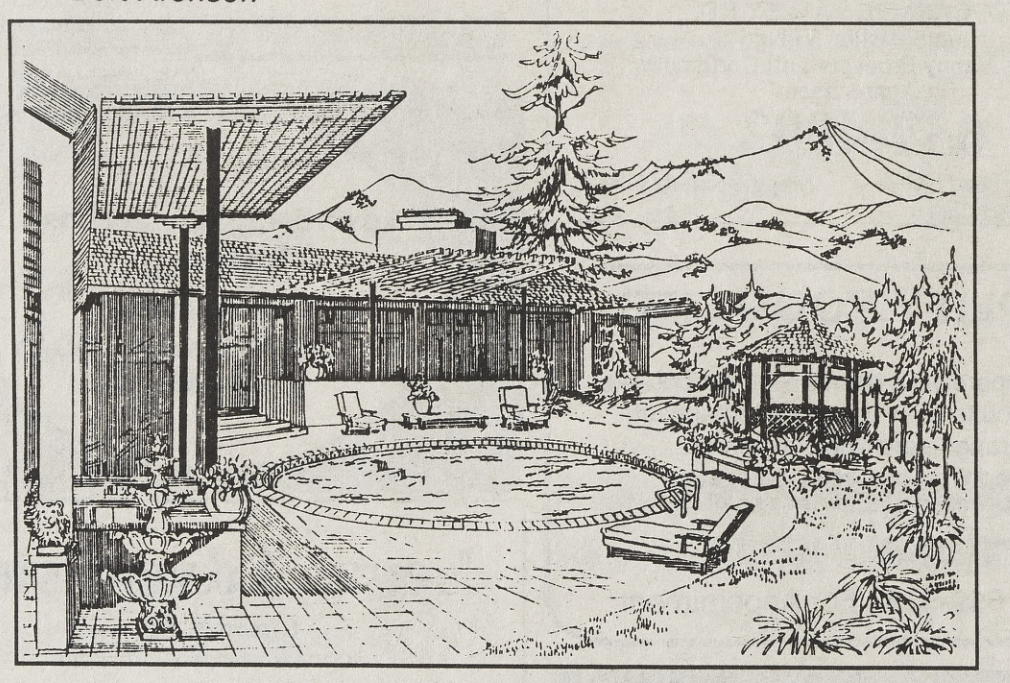

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